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### New hero ends long run of British under-achievement at Wimbledon

### Henman breaks tennis mould

John Duncan

IM HENMAN beat the rain, the cold and the inbred tennis pessi-mism of a nation to reach the quarter finals of Wimbledon yesterday, the first British man to do so since

Roger Taylor in 1973.

Then Taylor beat Bjorn Borg on his way to the semi-finals. Yesterday Henman faced another Swede, Magnus Gustaffson, and won with gusto and untypi-cally British nerve, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6. In the next round he faces the only seed in the bottom half of the draw, Todd Martin, or another Swede, Thomas Johansson. The emotion of the crowd was high though the temperature on centre court was low. "It must be difficult for my opponents," mused Henman. "It must feel sometimes as if they are playing against 15,001 people. You can play three terrible shots and the crowd makes you forget them straight away and that is an adventage."

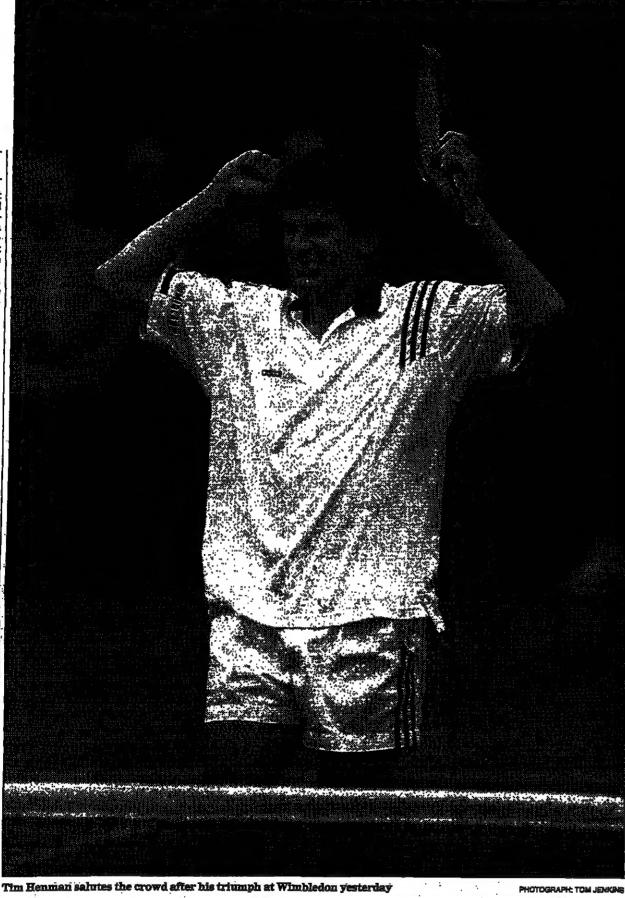
It was tough for both players to get going with four frustrating interrup-tions for rain before the second set was even through.

"When I was young I understood that Wimble don was the biggest event in the season," said Henman. "and I saw good per-formances from British players who never went as far as they should. That was an incentive to put the record straight."

He did that and more With the final match-point on Henman's serve in the tiebreak Gustaffson returned weakly and the crowd exupted to salute

"I feel very confident in the way I'm playing," he said. "There are still good players in the draw but I am just going to concen-trate on what I am doing. I was in the last 16, now I'm in the last eight. That's it."

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### Nanny dishes dirt on Israel's First Lady

#### PM's au pair claims unfair dismissal over burnt soup

Shyam Bhatia in Jerusalem

HE tones of a monumen tal slanging match were echoing around Israel yesterday, after the ousting from the prime ministerial residence of the country's "First Nanny" by its First

In a clash apparently ig-nited by some burnt vegetable soup, Tanya Shaw was out on the street and sparing few adjectives in recounting her al-leged treatment at the hands of Sara Netanyahu, wife of the prime minister and holder of a brand new Master's degree in clinical child said Ms Shaw was dismissed

Ms Shaw, aged 21, claims she was forced to leave with just the clothes on her back pyjamas and a house coat pyjamas and a nouse coat - | been responsible for a first legislation | ble it's her [Mrs Netanyahu] | The au pair returned three and that Mrs Netanyahu] | The au pair returned three



security guard' to evict Shaw

demanded 5,000 Shekels (£1,000) for allowing her to

A statement issued from Binyamin Netanyahu's office for security reasons, and de-scribed her as "unstable" and prone to "outbursts of violence". It said the au pair had been responsible for a fire



Sara Netanyahu: 'called Tanya Shaw: 'If anybody is security guard' to evict Shaw unstable it's Mrs Netanyahu'

dismissed on the recommen-dation of security officials. "The Netanyahu family regret her difficult situation and her lies and imaginary claims, and express their readiness to help in her rehabilitation," the statement said. Asked by Israeli army radio if she was disturbed, Ms Shaw replied: "If anybody is unsta-

### ... If I'm so unstable, could hours later and was handed she let me be with her chil-her passport and clothes. dren for six months?"

The Netanyahus are due to make their first official visit to Washington next week. The South African-born au pair had been due to accom pany them to look after their two young sons, Ya'ir, aged four and a half, and Avner. aged one and a half.

Speaking to the Guardian, a tearful Ms Shaw said Mrs Netanyahu had summoned her indoors on Sunday "with an

"She shouted: 'You've burnt the soup, you could have burnt the house.' She screamed at me a lot of things and didn't give me an opportunity to say I was sorry."

Ms Shaw said she promised to leave within two weeks,

but was told: "You are stupid and irresponsible. Because you are leaving my children, you are like a murderer." When she started packing her bags, Ms Shaw said, a security guard was called to evict her. "The policeman didn't want to interfere, so

Sara called the secret service

her passport and clothes. Ms Shaw said: "She used to

make me wash my hands 300 times a day. You weren't allowed to touch anything... One child was forced to sit on the couch for hours; he was told not to touch the carpet because it was dirty. "She even took my pictures with her husband and the

children. I feel so much for the children, I feel sorry for them. They've been through so many au pairs." Mrs Netanyahu, aged 37, is

the prime minister's third wife and was married before. She met Mr Netanyahu when he was Israel's ambassador to the United Nations and she was an air hostess with the national carrier, El Al.

Two years ago, the mar-riage was shaken when Mr Netanyahu, then leader of the glimpse of the happy couple. The player had booked every room in Likud opposition, publicly adthe hotel to keep out unmitted an extra marital affair. wanted guests . . . But : Since becoming Israel's first directly elected prime minister in May, Mr Netanthe man from the Sun was rumoured to be yahu has endorsed a presi-dential style of government somewhere on the golf course' Critics say he wants to turn

his office into an Israeli Sarah Boseley on the other big match, page 2

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# Blair now No 1 Tory target

Michael White Political Editor

OHN Major's cabinet yesterday en-dorsed the switch towards a more negative advertising campaign in the run-up to the general election after admitting that the Conservatives' propaganda offensive against New Labour

the party chairman, Brian Mawhinney, at yesterday's special political session to persuade the Cabinet that recent attacks — including the "Yes, It Hurt Yes, It Worked" poster campaign -have failed to land serious blows on Blairism.

Instead of trying to per-suade yoters that Mr Riair has changed but his party has not — the Clause IV win sunk that tactic, officials admit enced to lead yet another bad Labour government — 40 per cent of voters barely remember a Labour government — the Tory machine will insist that New Labour's chosen policies are "wrong, bad and

The switch will be unveiled at a press conference at party HQ in Westminster today, with the expected slogan "New Labour, New Dangar", two days ahead of Mr Blair's launch of the much hyped Road to the manifesto" policy statement, for which 350.000 party members will be

The Cabinet's strategic U-turn was immediately sig-nalled by a barrage of ministerial fire against Labour's new statement on health policy and the row which broke

Austin

THE GROOM MAY NOW KISS THE REST OF THE TEAM

probably Gazza did too

balcony kiss to lift the

fans' hearts nor even a

. but there was to be no

out in the wake of Mr Blair's own U-turn in favour of a devolution referendum which, ironically, his party critics blame on the effective-

ness of Tory propaganda, notably the "tartan tax" campaign.

The health secretary, Stephan Dorrell, called that "a public humiliation" for Mr. Blair, proof that his ideas were "unworkable and dan-

Conservatives' propagands offensive against New Labour has seriously underestimated the scale of Tony Blair's policy revolution.

Key advisers on Tory election strategy, Maurice Saatchi, Peter Gummar and Sir Tim Bell, joined forces with the party chairman, Brian Mawhinney, at yesterday's

Both sides are braced for a snap election in October or November, although Mr Major told the cabinet yesterday he hopes to soldier on to the spring and the Chancel-lor, Kenneth Clarke, repeated his upbeat weekend message that an economic feel-good factor is coming back. But Labour remains 20 points ahead in most polls.

conspicuously refrained from a personal attack, other Liberal Democrats, including Sir David Steel, joined the onslaught on Mr Blair's alleged "autocracy", fuelled by an outspoken radio attack on "timid and anaemic" New Labour policies by the back-

bench rebel, Paul Flynn.
The row, which swamped Harriet Harman's attack on NHS red tape, is a foretaste of things to come. Tory strategists yesterday identified likely targets as constitu-tional reform and Europe, the

single currency and the social chapter, union power and the miniumum wage, even education and crime on which Labour's rightwards policy shifts have been conspicuous. In the wake of the 2½ hour-Cabinet meeting senior Con-servative officials tried to put a positive gloss on the im-plicit admission that a series of advertising campaigns have missed their intended target the Blair leadership which has swept aside Clause 4 and other perceived symbols of past Labour weakness.
As the shadow chancellor, Gordon Brown, was called in to dampen down the post-de-volution row within Labour's

ranks, ministers have their own problems, not least the rebellion over Defence Secre-tary Michael Portillo's plans to sell £1.5 billion of military homes to help raise money for Mr Clarke's budget. Yesterday the Foreign Sec-retary, Malcolm Rifkind, took the ususual step of letting it

be known be supported the policy of his potential rival in at a time when a deliberate is being attributed to support ers of John Redwood. Labour, which was devas

tated by the cumulative impact of "tax bombshell" warned off too much negativ advertising. Voters want "a positive message and a change of government", Gor-don Brown told Channel 4 News last night.

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#### Sketch

### Tories in a spin on finishing line



Simon Hoggart

HESE are strange days. As I walked into the Commons Chamber, a Tory spin doctor was handing out documents which contained ferocious attacks on the

It spoke about "the wreck-age of the last 18 years"; it claimed that the Conservative Party was "cheating millions of people out of an adequate pension", and declared that the Tories were "finished".

Most of us would agree with all that, though it did seem odd that the Tories were bringing it to our attention. The reason was that these nuggets were set inside a general attack on Tony Blair made by Paul Flynn, the Labour MP for

Newport West. The burden of Mr Flynn's emarks, offered on the Today programme, was that the Tories had been so catastrophic that they stood no chance of winning the next election, and that Labour should, as a consequence, be much bolder.

For the Tories to be using the material is reminiscent of those mariners who, adrift in a lifeboat on tropical seas, finally drink the salt water. A few moments of respite are fol lowed by redoubled agonies.

In the Chamber itself Mr Flynn was absent. However, Labour's chief whip, Donald Dewar, was sitting in his place on the back benches. For one terrible moment I thought Mr Dewar must have eaten him.

Luckily he soon returned, and was quickly surrounded by supportive admirers. Later he sat happily reading letters, presumably offering con-

Virginia Bottomley was answering questions concerning the National Heritage, or the Ministry For What We Do In Our Spare Time, which is what it means.

She is an essentially apolitical figure, so she makes up for it by attacking the Labour Party at every opportunity. Unlike an instinctive bruiser. she gets her timing wrong. It

sounds as if she learned politi-cal abuse by correspondence

She fluted: "I am a great believer in the traditional Brit-ish seaside holiday!" which is true, since the whole Bottomley clan has a vast reunion on the Isle of Wight each year.

But some Labour MPs snig-gered. They were laughing at the image she had conjured up: of bathing machines, of one-piece costumes with skirts, donkey races, parasols and beach cricket ("Oh, well bowled, Ginny! Middle stump!") But she chose to imagine that the marriment consti-

that the merriment consti-tuted an attack on British sea toted an attack on British ses-side towns. "They are deni-grated by the party opposite, though 50 per cent of our tour-ism industry is seaside holi-days." she admonished. "That hodes III, the denigration and jeers of the party opposite!" Tony Banks pointed out that the new chairman of the

English and British tourist boards was being paid £54,000 for three days work a week. never cease to entrance the Government — they so hate success and profit! . . . It bodes III for the tourism

industry..."
She blamed Labour for the
Tube strike in London, and even managed to attack the party during a discussion on whether Britain should host the World Cup in six years' time. 'It is difficult for us to know which spokesmen to take seriously. Old Labour, New Labour, Middling Labour — we will wait for them to

Some idiot claimed that the British popular music indus-try "leads the world" (there's a country called the United States which some of the older Tories haven't yet heard of) and she claimed that pop music now made as much money as steel. "Boogle on, Ginny," shouted one old

My dear friend Michael Fabricant asked a question during the session on legal administration. "If a JP is of the hang 'em, flog 'em, and disembowel 'em tendency, he should not necessarily be dis-qualified," he suggested. I was puzzled, since so far as I know JPs are no longer

allowed to sentence people to a salutary disemboweling. But a colleague points out that, in Mr Fabricant's view, only hanging is a punishment. The other two are rewards.

### First night

### Simply the best in big match slinky cheapness

**Bob Flynn** 

Time Turner Murrayfield Stadium Edinburgh

OMEWHERE in Nut-bush, Tennessee, there must be a portrait of Anna Mae Bullock (born 1939) hanging in a shotgun shack, which has shown the wrinkles and pouches of age over the years while its alter ego, the eternal Tina Turner, went on to become the ultimate soul

survivor.
"She looks amazing, eh?" the couple behind me tell each other as they peer through binoculars on to the Murrayfield rugby stadium pitch, fo-cusing on the figure with the flare of blonde hair, dressed in a tiny sliver of a dress, who is the centre of attraction for 65,000 pairs of eyes.

Of course she looks amazing. She has always looked amazing and, in a jokily pol-gnant moment, during River Deep, Mountain High, the live of Turner performing the same song in 1966. Somehow, she looks better now.

River Deep comes from the days when husband Ike gave the r'n'b backing she needed and the hits he could only dream of. Unfortunately, he also gave her a decade of abuse, domination and

The new show is con-structed like a film, with a dramatic opening and video end credits. It is all catsuits and fishnet stockings, lip gloss and big hair — a blend of cheapness, class, and natural sensuality that Madonna would die for. This is a concer for mothers and daughters, thousands of them dancing together — a generation united over one communal handbag. The same golden limbs

stretch out from white micro dresses and even tinier, grav-ity-defying black numbers as Turner leads her three lithe backing singers into a classic synchronised, sidestepping soul dance in front of a machine-oiled, classically bland, stadium band.

Turner's voice, all chocolate rust, libido and anguish, lifts the blandest power pop ballad — and there are a lot of

ballad — and there are a lot or them in her back catalogue — on to another plane.

After the expected hig en-trance of Goldeneye, with Turner silhouetted in a huge Bond-style camera eye before being lowered to the stage on a mechanical raft, she sits down for an acoustic set of soul

For Al Green's sublime For Al Green's suntine
Let's Stay Together, Turner
growls, pounces and sails into
the vaulting chorus, while her
version of I Can't Stand The
Rain is as close as you get to
the aching perfection of the
Ance Peebles version. This is Turner showing her roots, the authentic voice out of the Mis-

authemic voice out of the Mis-sissippi delta.

Even when singing an over-extended Private Dancer and the authem that had all of Murrayfield in an astonishing communal singalone, Simply The Best, she has, well, the wickedest voice there is.

wickedest voice there is.

The finale was an epic soul
review version of Proud Mary,
and the encore, inevitably,
Nutbush City Limits, one of
the few Turner compositions.
At Murrayfield, the classic
disco-stomper of our time was overblown and messy but the sight of Tina, after a two-and-s-half hour show, leaping s-half hour show, leaping down to run along the crash barriers, sharing the micro-phone with the crushed front-line punters, was enough to send the crowd into further frenzies. The biggest, gutslest, clossiest singalong of a staglossiest singalong of a sta-dium summer creaking with the ancients of rock.

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Ailing Russian president reappears on TV but Communists allege cover-up over 'living corpse'

# Yeltsin in last-ditch appeal

appeared on Russian television yes

day absence but his performance merely fuelled speculation about his health.

The president sat behind a wooden desk in one of his official dachas, a stiff shadow of his former self, and read unconvincingly from the auto-cue: "I know exactly what to do. I have the strength, will and decisiveness for that. What is needed now is your

support."

In a re-run of the health scares last year when Mr Yeltsin was forced to cancel all his official engagements, including a meeting heart attacks, his final day of with the Ukrainlan and Mol-

official campaigning was dovan presidents, Leonid haunted by uncertainty and Kuchma and Mircea Snegur. growing panic among Yeltsin supporters, who need to keep the turnout above 60 per cent for the president to be returned for a second term.

A president who is both physically and electorally

weak will increase the possi-bility of General Alexander Lebed, the national security adviser, running amok within the administration, claiming more powers and posts. It will also play into the hands of Gennady Zyuganov, his main Communist challenger, who has been pressing for places in a coalition government.
For the fifth day running.
Mr Yeltsin was forced to can-

On Sunday, he had missed one of his last campaign ap-pearances, a festival organised by the newspaper Moskovsky Komsomolets Differing official state-

ments were made about the president's health. On Friday, he was said to be suffering from a sore throat. At the weekend this changed to laryngitis, and yesterday the prime minister, Viktor Cher-nomyrdin, said the president had "fallen ill with a cold". After meeting Mr Yeltsin in

his residence, not in the Kremlin, Mr Chernomyrdin sought to reassure voters:
"The president grabbed my right hand in a handshake and nearly tore it off. Don't

In his two-minute televicentrated on getting the voters out. He said: "You must von do not vote, it is also a Russia

His performance will have done nothing to dispel the glee of Air Zyuganov, who ap pears to be coming through strongly.
The Communist leader ap

pealed for the creation of a health commission to establish the president's fitness for power. He said: "We haven't seen Mr Yeltsin for four days. I want to see the official con-

added: "He's in bad shape.

A key backer of Mr Zyu-ganov, the Nationalist MP Stanislav Govorukhin, yesterday accused Yeltsin aides of covering up the truth about the president's health.

"We haven't seen him for

several days, and today they showed us a painted mummy as if they'd just got it from the mausoleum," Mr Govorukhin

mausoleum," Mr Govoruknin said. "Today they are suggesting we vote for a living corpse."

While both candidates have abandoned their campaign trips to stay in Moscow, it is Mr Zyuganov's daily press conferences that have been setting the agenda. Last week, be stated clearly that he was he stated clearly that he was prepared to take part in a coalition government formed in three equal parts from his own alliance, existing govern-

ment ministers and other parliamentary factions.

Gen Lebed has also strongly backed a coalition governbacked a coalition govern-ment. Yesterday, speculation centred on offers of a position for Mr. Zyuganov's number two, the charismatic and pop-ular Kazakh politician Aman

Tuleyev.
Mr Zyuganov was in confident mood yesterday, although he still maintained that he was the victim of a minimum of campaign of "information terror" by the officially con-trolled media. The Commu-nist leader said: "Our chances are very high. Our support is growing. Our programme and growing. Our programme and platform have reached the depths of the provinces."

Rise of Ms Yeltsin, page 6;



## Little people left disappointed in the rain as Gazza

stars in another

High security and blacked-out limos for soccer star's wedding. Sarah Boseley reports

HE skies wept and very probably Gazza did too, being a sentimen-tal sort. It was an occasion to touch the hardest heart. Just a month ago, the Sun revealed that ex-model Sheryl was briefing lawyers to file a palimony claim, yet yesterday there she was, in acres of shoulderless peach tulle, yowing to cleave to the man from Rangers for exercises. Rangers for evermore.

Most of the England foot-ball team were probably there, shedding a small tear if not in happiness for their mate then perhaps at the lingering smart of Germany's European Championship victory the day before, in spite of all their glorious efforts. But it was difficult to tell through the dark glass of eight white limousines which stretched glorious efforts. But it was pague and a huge grin.

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gate of the Hanbury Manor Hotel and Country Club.
Gazza had slipped through in identical style earlier. Two local women, Valerie Knight and Tracey Kenny, swore he had wound down his window and toasted them with cham-

in the rain outside the Hert-fordshire hotel where their

"I found out where he lives," confided Chris Beech. "It was when he had hotel to keep out unwel-

and I said: I do'. He signed his autograph." And what then? "Then I went away." James Kember, aged 13, "They cost £40," he said, morning," said one of the but it was £11 more with staff. So Gazza's nuptials the name. I put £20 towards it and my mum and dad paid the rest." He had ar-rived at 9am. "I'm a bit dis-appointed," he said.

he said: 'Who wants him?'

They cheered Terry Vena-bles when he arrived five minutes late, but there was to be no balcony kiss nor even a glimpse of the happy couple through a car window. Sorry — Gazza and Sheryl's big day was a Hello magazine exclusive. The man from the Misrary was dow. Sorry — Gazza and Sheryl's big day was a Hello magazine exclusive. The man from the Mirror was turned away. The Sun was rumoured to have infiltrated somebody on to the golf course, but security trained to have infil-trated somebody on to the golf course, but security men, in Gascoigne's pay, were everywhere. He had

ing by Umbro — the makers of those shirts that had cost young James such a slice of pocket money. Eighteen of its executives and their had been allowed to skip school. He was wearing his England shirt with Gascoigne and 8 on the back. drinking until six every morning," said one of the Gazza's nuptials would hold no surprises. Perhaps it was as well the

civil ceremony could not be held on deconsecrated ter-ritory, disappointing the couple's first plans. The Poles Hall was a chapel in the 18th century when Hanbury Manor was a convent. The shades of the nums. buried in the gardens.

sen were married in a room with zodiac signs in the ceiling. Sheryl's daughter Bianca-Jade and son Mason from her previous marriage wore cream

How long will it last? The answer, one can only sup-

### 'King of fat cats' takes cash while sacking staff

Utilities directors, who shared £462,400, seek to double pay



HE chairman of the water and electricity company, United Utilities, was accused yesterday of becoming "king of the fat cats" after it emerged that he and fellow directors had taken massive pay increases while sacking hundreds of

employees.
Sir Desmond Pitcher and a £462,400 bonus last year and took pay rises of up to 30 per cent in the wake of the com-pany, then known as North West Water, buying regional electricity company Norweb. With 2,500 jobs slated to go

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at United in the next 312 to £380,700, a hike of 22 per years. Labour and trade cent on the previous year. unions reacted furiously to disclosures in the company's annual report to shareholders that Sir Desmond's basic sal-ary of £255,600 rose by 21 per cent in April to £310,000. Sir Desmond was paid a £76,700

bonus last year, lifting his total pay and perks package to £345,200. Chief executive Brian Staples received an April pay

cent on the previous year. Both men also hold lucrative share options. Finance director Bob Ferguson saw his pay and perks package increased last year

by 30 per cent to £260,400. including a £94,500 bonus. His basic pay will be 12.7 per cent higher this year, at £176,000. Asking shareholders to ap prove two new incentive schemes that will reward dirise of 27.7 per cent to 2300,000. Last year be was awarded a £142,000 bonus, taking his total remuneration the pay rises were merited be

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cause of "increased responsi- | chief executive Cedric Brown bilities". Some past bonuses had been tied to the Norweb

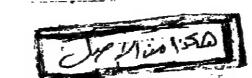
as the "king of the fat cats". The GMB union forecast outtakeover.

But Labour's employment spokesman. Ian McCartney. condemned Sir Desmond for displacing former British Gas

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### The smell is often rather delicious, but I do not want to smell the food 18 hours a day'



Superchef Raymond Blanc's new restaurant in Oxford. Le Petit Blanc, which has caused a stink among residents complaining of wayward wafts and noise PHOTOGR

# Gourmet dished by neighbours

Alex Belios and Hannah Pool on how

chef Raymond Blanc's latest venture has got up the noses of some Oxford people

culinary aromas in England, but to the tit Blanc it is nothing better

For several weeks people living near superchef Ray-mond Blanc's new restaurant in Oxford have been subjected to the odours of Madeira and sweet orign sauce, molten gruyere and pieces of lamb

The smell is often rather delicious," said Lucinda Leech, whose garden is next to the restaurant kitchen. But I do not want to smell food 18 hours a day however delicious it is."

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THE WAR TRACTED

The philosophy behind Mr Blanc's venture, which opened last month in a blaze of publicity, was to create a quality French brasserie in the heart of Oxford "buzzing with new ideas, energy and excitement". Unfortunately for him much of the energy created has been anger funnelled in his direction.

As well as the wayward waits, neighbours have com-

noise, the "posh" clientele, and the prices.

Mr Blanc, a former Euro-pean Chef of the Year, has been accused of "an extraor-Oxford's planning committee chairman for failing to lister to the community in Jericho, the restaurant's location.

A spokesman for Le Petit Blanc said several alterations had been implemented after it had received complaints. "We have changed the door con-struction so it doesn't bang. and sorted out the noise from the refrigerator," she said. "We are committed to listening to complaints and acting

Ms Leech, aged 42, a furni-ture designer, said the prob-iem stemmed from waiters

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HEY may be some of | rant garden with food. An elthe most exquisite derly neighbour said the

talk to each other," she said. "They have to shout and the kitchen door is always open so we can hear almost every

rant was to charge between £5 and so main coerse to make it affordable to local people. But the menu lists

Le Petit Blanc is Mr Blanc's first restaurant since his other restaurant, now Le Great Milton, Oxfordshire, won two Michelin stars. Ce lebrities packed out the

Mr Blanc went ahead with

Yesterday a delegation of local residents met Mr Blanc and the restaurant manager to sort out their differences The manager assured them that diners who book by phone would be asked to park

One resident said the management had been very pleasant but she did not feel the ture designer, said the prob-lem stemmed from waiters top priority for a restaurant trying to get established.

noise was unbearable.
"The chefs never seem

When planning permission was given in 1994 the restau-

dishes at more than £18.

Ray Inskeep, former chairman of Jericho Residents Society, said the public had not got what it expected. People eating in the restau-rant tended to be richer; driving from outside the area and parking in residents' parking

launch party, with Richard Branson arriving in a

changes to the original planning permission without seeking the approval of the council.

He changed the frontage, installed a disabled entrance, and put in chiller units, although Oxford's planning officer said it was common for restaurants to jump the gun on such matters. .

everal hundred yards away.

Profile The outsider who created his own flavour

Locy Manning

WITH the establishment of Le Petit Blanc, Ray-mond Blanc has established the Oxfordshire area as a centre of culibary

Le Manoir anx Quat' Sai-

lin stars for its owner. And Blanc has become an industry in his own right, with the obligatory "super-chef" cookery books and television programme. Blanc Mange, the book which ac-companied his 1994 televi-

sion series, sold 40,000 copies in four months. Blanc, born in France in 1949, did not start cooking until he was 25, teaching himself and refusing to fol-low recipes. "I did not have a master who wanted to mould me to his style. I am selftaught, so I am not encum-bered with all the parapher-

declared: "I just want to show the beauty of the flayour and texture of grouse or lobster or salad leaf. Even when I peel a carrot, I think out how to produce the flavour better."

While Blanc's dishes remain out of the price range of many, he has made his fare more accessible, as the sole consultant for inflight food on Virgin Atlan-tic Airways, and he was previously a consultant to Waitrose, the supermarket

Raymond Blanc Scholarship, allowing the recipient He is passionate about to spend a year working in expanded.

sons, his flagship restaurant, has consistently obtained two coveted Micheon obsessiveness. He once someone else the opportunity of doing what I did". His current problems are not his first run in with the not his first run in with the authorities in Orford. In 1992, magistrates banned him for driving for six months following a speeding offence and the following year his restantant company, was fined

£5,500 for two kitchen safety offences after a kitchen accident. The combination of a stroke and financial moble lems threatened the existence of Le Manoir in the early 1990s, but both Risne; show that 60 per cent lodge a and the restaurant second claim within two days. Many ered, and the Blanc Chairs genuine refugees did not expanded.

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### No charges against wife who killed

ROSECUTORS have decided against charging a woman who stabbed her husband to death with any crime affer she told police of the vio-

lence she had endured.
Susan Murphy, aged 38, suffered years of abuse at the hands of her drunken husband Robert before she knifed him in self-defence.

She stabbed him through the heart after he attacked her with a wooden chopping board at their home in Christchurch, Dorset.

An inquest yesterday in Poole, Dorest, returned a verdict of accidental death on Mr Murphy, aged 41. Mrs Murphy was charged with murder but the charge was dropped after consulta-

tion between police and the Crown Prosecution Service. She told officers: "If he had hit me I wouldn't be here today. I struck him with the knife. I asked him to move his feet and he just flipped. He

came at me and slammed my head against the wall, knock-ing it against the chair. "I managed to push him away and ran into the kitchen. He came after me, his eyes bulging and glazed He was going to hit me with the board and had me backed

plumber and developed a drink problem while also be-

knife and told him stay

On one occasion he tried to strangle her. Another time he stabbed her in the neck with a

husband who was sitting on

She asked him to move his feet but he became abusive

feet but he became abusive and chased her into the kitchen. He grabbed the board and said: "I'm going to ram this down your neck."

After she stabbed her husband, she called the police and got neighbours to help her husband, who was lying in a pool of blood on the in a pool of blood on the kitchen floor

He was taken to hospital but died later that day. A statement from Mrs Murphy read at the inquest by Detective Constable Anthony

Rose revealed more of the vio-lence she endured. me for the slightest reason," she said. "The other week he stabbed me in the neck with a fork saying "This is what you are meant to eat with'. This was because I had been eating with a spoon because it was

Next-door neighbour Steve Pigdley said Mrs Murphy told him after the stabbing. "He came at me with a...cutting board in his band and was go-

ing to hit me with it.
"He had been saying Til show you who is boss, I'll show you what power is'. He banged my head against the wall." In other similar cas

most high profile being that of Sara Thornton — women who have killed abusive hus bands have been tried and

Ms Thornton was convicted of murdering her drunken husband and sentenced to life imprisonment

trial and was convicted of manslaughter in May. She was freed as she had already fork. On the day of the fatal served more than five years stabbing. Mrs Murphy began in jail.

### **Lords extend** asylum grace

Government's asylum legislation as bishops warned flat the withdrawal of social security bareits from most asylian seesars cast a shadow over Britain's reputation as

55 to change a key provision of the bill so as to give asylum seekers three days grace — instead of a single day — to claim refugee status on arrival without losing access to state help while a decision

Government pushed through emergency amendments to in this way but this will make the Asylum Bill by 163 to 140 a difference to an asylum votes to overturn the defeat it suffered in the Court of Ap-peal 11 days ago. The senior judges ruled that not only was the decision to withdraw state benefits from most asylum seekers illegal in the way it was done, but also said it should not be tolerated in a civilised society. The Appeal Court judges said refugees were left with a choice be-tween destitution or giving up their asylum claim. More than 8,000 people have been affected since the changes were introduced in February. Last night's defeat is ex-pected to affect a significant number of asylum seekers be-cause Refugee Council figures

cause of ignorance, confusion and disorientation. It was backed by three bish-

ops and the former Master of ministers that the legislation in its original form "cast a dark shadow over our claim to be a compassionate and Christian country". After the vote Labour's

"a compassionate and Chrishome affairs spokesman, tian country."

Lord McIntosh, said the effect of the defeat was to give asylum seekers three days after their arrival in Britain to lodge a claim for refugee status before losing any entitlement to housing benefit, income support, child benefit and council tax benefit while their claim was determined.

"The Government is still apply for asylum immediately. The statistics show that the person who applies after arrival is just as likely to be a genume refugee as the person who applies at the port of entry." The Liberal Democrat spokesman, Earl Russell, said it did not make the legislation acceptable but it did "cut one bar from the window of the prison cell".

Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish, for the Government, in-sisted the measures were necessary as 34,000 people a year were receiving state benefits while their asylum claims were processed. The claims then proved to be unfounde In future those who succeeded in getting refugee status would have their benefit pay-

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### A year is a long time for the newly famous

John Ezard

ERRY VENABLES, Liz Hurley, the Duke of Devonshire, Gary Barlow, Janet Street-Porter, Piers Morgan and Chen Kui Yuan today enter the pan-theon of those expected to be famous for at least an-

other year.
But they do so knowing that they will be booted out of the International Who's gotten celebrities. Unlike the British Who's

Who, the smaller interna-tional reference book has a policy of deleting people from whom the limelight has faded. In this year's edition, the axe has already fallen on the Tory ex-sports minister Colin Moynihan 'and a load of others who have become nonentities", as the editor, Richard Fitz-williams, put it yesterday. And an axe is already

hovering over another Conservative ex-minister, Jon-athan Aitken, and the struggling Agriculture Minister, Douglas Hogg. "Aitken will be out if he

hasn't done anything much in another two or three years and there is a Labour government. The same with Hogg." Mr Fitzwilliams said. "We remove ruthlessly every year — espe-cially businessmen and pol-

The chop is even being kept in reserve for two of this year's recruits, Janet Street-Porter, because of her relative inactivity since quitting Live TV, and Piers Morgan, editor of the Daily Mirror, and currently in disgrace over the paper's anti-German Euro 96 issue.

Of Gary Barlow, newly listed alongside Liam and Noel Gallagher, Damon Albarn. Van Morrison, k.d. lang, Jarvis Cocker, Bjork and Mick Hucknall, he said, "We had a problem with the band Take That, which split. Barlow is a new entry but if he doesn't make it on his own we will

cut him out." Other new names, more cure, because their repu tations or notorieties are expected to last, include Eric Cantona, Jonah Lomu, the basketball player Sha-quille O'Neal, the Booker Prize winner Pat Barker, and OJ Simpson, listed as "acquitted of two charges of murder Oct. 1995; facing civil suit for wrongful

The Duke of Devonshire, one of four dukes in the book, gets in "because of his continuing high public profile in recent years".

nist Party secretary of China's "Tibetan Autonomous Region", is one of 200 new names from China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Russia and the former Soviet repub-







Fame at last, but will it last? nternational Who's Who from top, Eric Cantona. Janet Street-Porter, Liz



its. "A record will not be played purely because it is a commercial success. The station has lost audience be-

cause of the policy but they

are targeting younger listeners with more radical music."

celebrations on the under-standing that the ban on their

music would end. But the

reason why the group's music

was not played was because of

### Status Quo fails in bid to sue BBC

the veteran rock band, Status Quo, to sue the BBC for not playing their records on Radio 1. Mr Justice Collins said Radio 1 "regards Status Quo as somewhat conserva-tive and old hat".

He told the group's barrister. Kenneth Parker QC: "Maybe they don't like your clients' music. They don't

claimed was Radio 1's policy of banning chart hits by "un-fashionable" artists despite a remit to play the top 40

Mr Parker had argued that Status Quo — "one of the most successful pop/rock bands in history" — was the subject of a "capricious" ban by Radio 1 which was not based upon musical taste.

The judge interrupted: Francis Rossi, 46, and Rick Parfitt, 47, members of a band celebrating its 30th anniver-

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A HIGH Court judge sary this year, had applied for promote this type of music Status Quo records and said refused to give a hearing a judicial review of what they and it is not the type of music each was decided on its merthey are encouraging people to listen to." Mr Parker insisted that

"there was no consistency at all" in Radio 1 policy and other bands similar to Status Quo were given air time. The alleged policy had serious commercial implications for Status Quo, who wanted to show that the BBC was behaving in the way it was now denying, and that was unlawful.
But the judge again interrupted: "You are expecting
this court to devote two or three days of precious time to an issue which will produce no benefit to your clients. The

BBC have stated that no such policy ever applied and if it did it will not apply for the He said that the BBC did not play the re-issues of Bea-tles hits on Radio 1 even though they went to the top of the charts. "Maybe your cli-ents' answer is to pressure enough people to tell Radio 1 they won't listen any more if they won't listen any more if

Radio 1's policy of targeting a younger audience and Status Quo's music was regarded as "A record may reach the top of the charts but it is not the music which Radio 1 regards as appropriate for new Radio 1 fans." He refused the group leave for judicial review and awarded legal costs estimated at more than £50,000 to the BBC. they don't play Status Quo."
Paul Goulding, representing the BBC, denied Radio 1
ever had a policy of banning

#### Two Britons die in air crash

WO Britons have been | should have been in his own WO Britons have been killed in a helicopter crash in a remote area of Florida, officials said last night. US police named the men as James Palfrey, in his fifties and from Plymouth, and Mal-colm Timmins, aged 47, an ex-

helicopter, but a fault forced him to hire another.

The crash is being treated as an accident. Police Lieutenant Gary Branner said Mr Timmins, who lived in the

The judge said that Status Quo claimed the dispute with director of the Carnegie programme, the report says Britthe BBC stemmed from a ain will need 1.4 million new series of concerts the group gave in conjunction with in-OB prospects for older workers have worsened dependent radio stations from which came the live album. despite the upturn in the economy, according to a Rock Til You Drop. The group agreed to play at Radio 1's 25th anniversary report today for the Carnegie

programme on "third-age" people, aged 50-74. A continuing decline in em-ployment has confounded expectations in 1993 when the findings were published of the Carnegie inquiry into the third age, the report says. The outlook looks even grimmer than it did then.

The research programme, funded by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, is taking on the work of the inquiry which called for society to make better use of the skills of people over 50 either in of people over 50, either in paid or voluntary posts.

In an analysis by Chris Trinder, chief economist at US, was flying Mr Palfrey to a the Chartered Institute of Police say Mr Timmins for a flight back to England.

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Public Finance and Accountancy, and Richard Worsley,

Job losses, page 11

WO High Court judges made a misjudges made a mis-take when they ruled that the Home Secresetting a minimum sentence for the boy killers of two-year-old James Bulger, the Appeal Court heard yesterday. David Pannick QC said that Lord Justice Pill and Mr Jus-tice Newman "falled to recog-

Bulger from a Merseyside shopping centre and mur-dered him on a railway line

mum prison term on Robert Thompson and Jon Venables. The appeal is being heard by Lord Woolf, the new Masthree years ago.
The trial judge, Mr Justice
Morland, recommended a tariff of eight years, increased by the Lord Chief Justice to 10. Mr Howard decided it should ter of the Rolls — whose report into the Strangeways prison riots in Manchester be 15 years, after receiving thousands of coupons from Sun readers calling for a "whole life" tariff. strongly criticised aspects of Mr Howard's prison regime — sitting with Lords Justices Hobhouse and Morritt.



Howard defends his right to set minimum sentence for boy killers

Judges 'made mistake'

at Her Majesty's Pleasure, tained at Her Majesty's Pleasure. Thompson and Venables were sure as if they were adults to when they abducted James serving mandatory life sen-

Lord Justice Pill and Mr on the circumstances of the Justice Newman held last crime — as long as he did not May that Mr Howard was bind himself or his wrong to treat children de successors.



sure as if they were adults serving mandatory life sen-tences for murder. Parliament had intended that their detention should be kept under review. Mr Pannick said the Home

Secretary was "the appropri-ate person to decide what will best promote public confi-dence in the administration of the criminal justice system.
The Home Secretary was entitled to set a tariff at the outset of detention, focusing

Mr Pannick stressed the 15-year period was "not immuta-ble" in the sense that it would necessarily be applied for ever more. The Home Secre-tary did not have a closed mind and the tariff could be changed "if something fresh" was drawn to Mr Howard's

One of the key issues will be the extent to which juve-niles can effectively be treated the same as adult offenders serving mandatory life sentences for murder. Mr Pannick told the court that many politicians had recom-mended reform of the mandatory life sentence and the sentence of detention at Her Majesty's Pleasure for young offenders.

"There may or may not be much to commend these proposals. Our submission is that this is a matter for Parliament. It is not open for the courts to introduce substantive reforms by removing or reducing the discretion of the

Edward Fitzgerald QC, appearing for Venables, said:
"If you exclude in the case of a 10-year-old a review (of his ase) for 15 years you are defeating the purpose of the sentence, which is premised on the fact that people change and therefore you have to look to see whether they are

### RAF pilot's 'Boy's Own para stunt'

David Fairball

N RAF pilot launching A paratroopers from his aircraft does not normally don a parachute himself, and jump out after

nise that Parliament has de-liberately conferred a broad

discretion on the Home Secre tary to decide the content of

policies for the release or young offenders convicted of

Michael Howard was

in imposing a 15 year mini-

Its outcome could affect 200

offenders sentenced as chil-dren or teenagers to detention

Indeed such behaviour is considered so much beyond the call of duty that a pilot who did it, Flight Lieuten-ant Richard Bywater, found himself yesterday in front of a court martial, charged with prejudicing good order and discipline. The incident happened on June 21 last year over an airfield at Inkomo, Zimba-

bwe, when an army special | RAF Lyncham, Bywater forces team was practising | was alleged to have given | Hercules transport of which the 34-year-old flight lieutenant was captain and chief pilot. In what the RAF prosecutor. Group Captain Richard Charles, described as "a two-hour period of Boy's Own self-indul-gence", Bywater allowed

to jump with the soldiers.

Finally he jumped himself, leaving his co-pilot, Flight Lieutenant Stephen Mason — who had already taken a turn at the parachuting - to fly the aircraft back on his own.
During the hearing at

three reasons for allowing his crew to leave the air-craft at 14,000 feet: because they wanted better to understand the pressures on the troops; because such jumps were an accepted practice over many years; and because he believed he was entitled to authorise

The RAF authorities took a different view. Group Captain Charles argued that the flight lieutenant was abrogating his respon-sibilities as captain by reducing the Hercules' crew to four — one less than the normal minimum

- every time one of them jumped out. What was their necks in an "accelerated free-fall descent". Nor was there any mention of the RAF men's exploits in the official logbook — evidence that Bywater felt prosecution. "He knew he was doing wrong and he covered his tracks."

The escapade happened during an exercise assumed to involve the SAS specifically named in court codenamed Falcons Drum.

### Fast sack urged for bad teacher

Labour adviser attacks 'slow' way | headteachers, judged on a | school as some of those Ofsted of dealing with incompetence

Donald MacLeod Education Correspon

MAILING schools need a streamlined process for sacking incompetent teachers, according to a Labour adviser and former teachers' union official. Michael Barber, of London

university's Institute of Edu-cation, said one key to turning round poorly performing schools was to replace the headteacher and/or some of the staff. Governors should be able to do this in two months instead of five or six as at present, he told a conference in London yesterday.

Competence procedures had usually been negotiated between local authorities and teaching unions and were tying up beadteachers and governors for long periods, said Prof Barber, former edu-cation officer of the National Union of Teachers.

"It would be in the interests of some of the teacher associations to advocate streamlining instead of finding them-selves, as they often do, on the wrong side of the quality debate".

The union's general secre-tary, Dong McAvoy, retorted that the issue was not incompetent teachers being kept in jobs. "No one would tolerate that. But we live in a blame culture which points the fin-ger at teachers for society's ills. If ever there was a time

seven-point scale, after observ-ing two or more lessons but Prof Barber doubted whether this would be enough.

The collection of evidence

of poor performance slowed the process and if target-setting and the monitoring of results became central to the management of more schools, the evidence of incompetence would often already exist. But competency procedures could be streamlined.

Prof Barber also criticised the Office for Standards in Education for failing to identify "complacent" schools in middle class areas getting 45 per cent of pupils through five good GCSEs when they should have been achieving

75 per cent. The 160 schools identified

are getting good exam results and people think they are OK but they are strolling."

Schools in poor neighbour-hoods could achieve the same standards if they were given more money. "We do not redis-tribute sufficient resources." Announcing two more previously failing schools taken

off the list requiring special measures. Cheryl Gillan, the education minister, told the conference Britain had shown schools could be turned round much quicker than predicted. A governors' network was being set up.

Governors from Langham school, in the north London borough of Haringey, today meet Robin Squire, the ills. If ever there was a time for fairness, it is now. Teachers must have confidence in the procedures."

From September inspectors will report poor — and outsets and ingly good — staff to schools identified as failing have all had pupils from poor backgrounds. "I think Ofsted misses the complacent schools and in many cases that is as serious a failure for the pupils in that to be failing.

### **Healthier economy offers** no cheer for older workers

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

"Even though the economy has started to grow again (albeit slowly) in the last three years, it has not prevented this adverse employment situation continuing and we can no longer take it for granted we will eventually see a more benign scenario in which younger and older workers share in a plentiful supply of new jobs," the report warns.

woman.

jobs over the next 11 years merely to keep pace with the projected rise in the working population. Unless these jobs are found, it warns, unemployment will start to grow again and it will become even harder to fund the pensions and benefits of those who have retired. Of the 1.4 million extra people expected to swell the

workforce by 2007, 900,000 will be men — almost all of whom will be seeking fulltime employment for their entire working lives.
Fred Edwards, chairman of

the Carnegie programme's committee, said: "There are thousands of people in their late 30s. 40s and over and also many young people for whom there seems much less prospect of full-time permanent employment offering reason-able security and a pension at the end."

The report cites forecasts by the Institute for Employ-ment Research that, within five years, more than one in two employees will be a

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by Trever Horwood

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### Outbreaks of dissent conceal inner discipline as Labour paper looms

### Michael White and Rebecca Smithers

ELEPHONE callers to the Gwent home of the Labour MP Paul Flynn on Sunday may have overheard his wife, Samantha, shout out "He's an awkward bugger", by way of explaining her husband's pro-

explaining ner nuspand's pro-test letter to Tony Blair.
At dawn yesterday the MP for Newport West was at it again. "We are producing documents, like the one on pensions on Friday, that are timid and anaemic," he proinstead on the airwaves. But Mr Flynn's outspoken comments against "autocratic" leadership make him one of an increasingly rare breed.

Anyone who doubts the

Anyone who doubts the Prussian thrust of new Labour discipline need only have heard Ron Davies, shadow Welsh secretary, doing his duty over the new devolution policy on BBC Radio 4's World at One yesterday.

It cannot have been an easy interview for the MP for Caer-philly, but he did not put a foot wrong. At Westminster as well as among grassroots activists, the disciplined will to win the general election is strong in Labour ranks.

He denied as "complete fabrication" Mr Flynn's claims that he had been told he must accept Mr Blair's devolution
U-turn or resign. "I had a
very lengthy, a very comradely conversation with Tony Blair," said Mr Davies. It was my decision to agree I It was my decision to agree I After one left-right civil ways been a highly disci-hould make a statement call-ng for a referendum."

After one left-right civil ways been a highly disci-war and four Tory elections plined trouble-maker, always a party man, as on the right.

All of which has made some Labour Party is a far more individuals sometimes make should make a statement call-

### The awkward squad unhappy at toeing Blair's line



PAUL FLYNN: Age 61, MP for Newport West since 1987. Has unorthodox views on nuclear weapons and medical uses of illegal drugs but is respected by colleagues for his independence of mind. After last week's parliamentary Labour Party meeting, he wrote to Tony Blair attacking new

leadership has raised ques-tions of greater discipline, of nationally vetted lists for can-

didates and of weeding out

colleagues whose loyalty or

competence in is doubt.

Labour's "hypocrisy and opportunism" in watering down key areas of policy.

TAM DALYELL: Aged 65, MP for West Lothian, now Linlithgow, since 1962. Has waged 20-year campaign against ill-conceived devolution plans and attacked last week's prelegislative referendum plan as "vacuous". Bluntspeaking Old Etonian's other campaigns have included Lockerbie bomb and Belgrano sinking. Until now has avoided criticising Tony Blair personally.

MPs curious to know why the | disciplined body than it was leadership has raised ques | when Harold Wilson and Jim Callaghan ran a government and Neil Kinnock battled to knock it into order. That is as true on the left.

Dalyell — on idiosyncratic or personal causes. But even on central issues, Europe or economic management, the sceptics, the Keynesians and the socialists campaign with relawhere Dennis Skirmer has altive restraint. The paper which has caused trouble, written by

DIANE ABBOTT: Aged 42, MP for Hackney North and

1987. First black woman MP and left-wing Campaign

frequently landed herself

in hot water with Labour

leadership, particularly since election to national

recently she criticised

secretary, Jack Straw.

executive committee. Most

'curfew plans' for children

group member has

Harman's decision to send proposed by shadow home her son to a selective school. waves — Paul Flynn or a Tam | yer, is unconnected with this the Manifesto programme, to be debated at Labour's

ALAN SIMPSON: Aged 47, MP for Nottingham South

since 1992. Cited within

Tony Blair. Leading

of Campaign group

Labour leader's office as backbencher who most irks

Eurosceptic and secretary

threatens attempts to retain unity over Europe, and has

also opposed Labour "hypocrisy" over education

in particular, Harriet

national executive today. The Sawver paper concerns future relations between a Labour government and the party at large, how the NEC should avoid falling out with

1970s — and how MPs ought to be better vetted for compe-tence as well as loyalty. Where the Sawyer paper collided with The Road show was in crystallising the sens of unease of many MPs. They respect and admire Blair's will to win but fear the lack of consultation, the ruthless policy switches, the imposition of policies which would once

have been anathema "MPs are not Pavlovian dogs. There is too much ma-cho stuff coming out of the leader's office," said left-winger Kevin McNamara. Yesterday the shadow chancellor, Gordon Brown, was drafted into the launch of Labour's health policy docu-ment to kill off claims that the

dissent was a serious threat to Mr Blair's leadership. Mr Brown said Mr Flynn's views were "not representa-tive" of those of the wider

• The executive of the crossparty Scottish Constitutional Convention yesterday agreed to disagree on the issue of a devolution referendum in Scotland, writes Erlend Clous-ton. After a meeting in Edinburgh, Labour and the Liberal Democrats emerged to emphasise their commitment to a Scottish parliament.

Jim Wallace, leader of the Scottish Lib Dems Labour's partner in the eightvear-old convention — attacked Tory and Scottish National Party disdain for the proposed Edinburgh legislature rather than Labour's policy reversal.

is Blair too dictatoriai? MPs'

### Welsh Lib Dem leader tells of workload strain on his family

### Michael White Political Editor

IBERAL Democrats in the Welsh stronghold of
Montgomery last night
began their search for a candidate to succeed Alex Carlile, after their MP announced he would stand down at the coming election to help care for his teenage daughter.

At an emotional, sometimes humorous, Westminster press conference, Mr Carlile, aged 48, and his wife, Frances, made clear that the barrister MP had decided to abandon his political career - as home affairs spokesman and leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrats — because of the addi-tional strain placed on family

life by his workload. The couple revealed that Ruth, aged 15, youngest of their three daughters, has an acute depressive illness and has become a psychiatric in-patient. "It is clear to me that can play an important part in Ruth's eventual recovery; but only if I am more a part of Ruth's life than my activities as an MP have enabled me to

be," Mr Carlile said. Mrs Carlile said: "This has been a stressful and difficult decision for Alex. He is a person of strong loyalties — to his constituents, to his party and to his family, it has taken us all some time to adjust to the extremely slow pace of

recovery from mental illness and the time needed to help Ruth. He just wants to there for her."

Mr Carlile said some MPs' children "sailed through" the pressures of political life and long parental absences.
Others did not. "Ruth and I
are very close," he said, yet
she had often been asleep
when he got home from the
Commons during his 13 years as a member — and still asleep when he left for work next day. He will now resume

his career at the Bar. He predicted that the new Lib Dem candidate would not only hold his constituency -"be might be a bit more interesting than me and get a bigger majority" — but would see the party gain two or three more welsh seats at the election, including Conwy.

Apart from a brief interlude, Montgomery has been Liberal for a century or more. Mr Carlile's majority, 5,209, is 17 per cent. Yesterday his local chairman, Daniel Munford of Welshpool, said he had been a "fantastic MP" whose wit and intelligence would be sorely missed.

The party leader, Paddy Ashdown, praised Mr Carlile's courage both in his deci-sion and in tackling difficult issues in the Commons. He also had a lawyer's talent for abuse, said Mr Ash-

### Harman promises action on patient appointments

Personalised system aimed at stemming flight from NHS

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Carticised as of relatively low priority, but insisted it was essential to stem the flow of people into private health care.

ABOUR yesterday repackaged its health policity to appeal directly to middle-class voters with a promise to introduce a personalised appointment system for hospitals and common tem for hospitals criticised as of relatively low

in its tracks and reversed." Under Labour's commit-

of life as a public service responsive to people's changing expectations: "Patients want

loses broader public support as results the same day. Henry dom to refer patients to any taxpayers become reluctant to McLeish, shadow health minister, said Labour would give choice, saving the £22 million the health service a new lease annual cost of the existing system of "extra-contractual referrals", and said it would find another £80 million a year for patient care by order ing further cuts in bureaucracy.
All trusts and health au-

thorities would be ordered to cut management costs to "at least the current English avnity health services.

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Karen Caines, director of the Institute of Health Services Management, expressed alarm at what she called the "repeated attack" on NHS managers and questioned the apparent plan to apply a single yardstick to trusts of

all sizes and kinds. Labour had still failed to the running of the NHS, Ms Caines said. "If the system of extra-contractual referrals is erage". An £30 million saving to be ended, and patients are would represent about 3 per to have more freedom of cent in cash terms and would choice, how will providers be



Alex Carlile, who will quit politics at the election to be care for his daughter, with his wife Frances yesterday

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### Whitehall recruiting change

with more accountants and economists and fewer arts graduates, were announced yesterday, writes Richard

Plans disclosed in a white paper include reserving a third of all "fast stream"

OVES to inject a new recruits — the mandarins of culture into Whitehall, the future — for graduates with science and engineering

degrees.
The Government also plans to recruit many more middle managers from outside the Civil Service, and to chal-lenge the traditional assump-tion that recruits join for life.

House of Commons: Environment questions. PM's questions. Broadcasting Bill, report. Social Security (Disability Living Allowance and Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations. House of Lorder Aylum and Immigration Bill, end of third reading debate. Railway Heritage Bill, committee. Sexual Offenous (Conspirary and Incitement) Bill, third reading. Armed Forces Bill, report. Energy Conservation Bill, committee. Child Benefit, Child Support and Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations. Jobseeker's Allowance (Pilot Scheme)(Amendments) Regulations. Community Care (Direct Psyments) Bill, Committee and Conservation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations.



Duchy's bankers that the **Prince has** gone, cap in hand, for a cool £20m loan. The time has come to throw money at a problem and that problem is **Princess** Diana. Ruaridh

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### split along ethnic divide

ROVISIONAL election results from Mostar yesterday showed the vote largely split between Muslim and Croat nationalists in the divided Bosnian city — damping European Union hopes of reconciling the two communities.

The results augur badly for plans to create power-sharing institutions, and will almost certainly force the EU to extend its role in Mostar by at least another six months to prevent a return to the internecine war of 1993.

Julian Borger in Sarajevo

According to unofficial returns published by Mostar's joint electoral commission, the candidate-list headed by the Democratic Party of Action (SDA) — a Muslim nationalist party which dominates eastern Mostar — won 48 per cent of the vote. The hardline Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) - which controls the west - won 45 per cent.

An independent list of mod-erates including Croats. Muslims and representatives of the small Serb community won only 3 per cent of the - a blow to multi-ethnic politics, and a discouraging precedent for the national polls in September.

Two more Croat nationalist parties, the Croat Party of Rights and the Pure Croat Party of Rights, which are even more militant than the HDZ, won most of the remaining votes, the electoral com-

The EU mandate in Mostar expires on July 23 after two years of efforts to rebuild confidence across the ethnic div-ide. In that time only five Croat families have resettled in their pre-war homes in

where Croat crime syndicates have taken over most of their abandoned flats.

Western European Union have also been trying to set up a multi-ethnic city police force. But although there are now joint Croat-Muslim pat-rols, there is little doubt that this fragile co-operation would collapse if the interna-tional monitors left.

An EU official in Sarajevo said a decision on the future of the Union's Mostar administration would only be taken once new city authorities had

Nothing has been decided yet. There are various op-tions. The mandate could be renewed, revised or down-scaled, but for sure there will remain a commitment to support common institutions,"

the official said. Even before the provisional results were declared, an EU observer said: "I get the feeling that the decision to stay on has been taken. It's just a

question of in what form.

Although the SDA-led list appears to have won the highest share of the vote, it is not certain that the Muslim party will control the new city council That will be formed according to a formula incorporating ethnic quotas whereby 16 seats have been reserved for Croats, 16 for Muslims and five for others (probably all Serbs). Much will depend on the forging of inter-ethnic alliances.

Because the head of the regional administration is a Muslim, the SDA and the HDZ recently agreed that the new city mayor would be a Croat, whatever the outcome of the elections. But that

agreement may break down.
"In a way, the trouble is only beginning. It will really eastern Mostar. No Muslim get interesting when they try families have been able to set up a city authority," return to western Mostar. said one election monitor.

# Mostar voters Karadzic keeps his hand in

Julian Borger in Pale

cratic Party (SDS), which controls the Serb-held half of Bosnia, was hud-dled behind closed doors yesterday picking candidates for the September elections. The head of the selection committee — appointed unanimously last Friday — was Radovan Karadzic.

There could be no clearer emoustration of how the international community's fail-ure to lever the Bosnian Serb eader out of power is casting a shadow over the prospects for long-term peace in the

A source in the Serb strong-hold of Pale sald Mr Karadzic would use the vetting proce-dure to filter out moderates, concentrated in the western elty of Banja Luka. "Up to now, you've

hearing different things from Pale and Banja Luka — the new party lists will bring things more into line," the source said on condition of anonymity, which is the only way Bosnian Serb dissidents

A brief flowering of inde-pendent thinking in Banja Luka in May has since been stifled; now only hardline sep-aratists are likely to find a place on the party lists. And given the SDS dominance of Bosnian Serb politics, elec-tions are increasingly likely to deepen Bosnia's partition. Claims over the weekend by the international commu-

nity's high representative. Carl Bildt, that Mr Karadzic had stepped down were ex-posed as nonsense by the Serb separatist's open display of power. Mr Karadzic's deputy, Biljana Plavsic, said he had only delegated his functions to her temporarily to concen-

Mr Karadzic's flexing of political muscle also exposed Nato's limitations. The Nato In theory, I-For troops have

led peacekeeping force, I-For. said last month it had increased its patrols in Pale to cramp Mr Karadzic's style. the authority to arrest war criminals such as Mr Karad-

Few of Nato's 60,000 peacekeepers would recognise the Bosnian Serb leader if he shook them by the hand

For in the mountain village yesterday, and recent press surveys have found that few of the 60,000-strong force would recognise the Serb leader if he shook them by the hand. Officials in Mr Bildt's office naintained that his diplo- next move on returning to Sa-

zic if they meet them in the good a threat of sanctions normal course of their duties. made at the G7 summit in But there was little sign of I. Lyon on Friday. "It is now up for in the mountain village to the international community to follow up its solemon words with actions." he said. He conceded that Mr Bildt had the power to trigger sanc-tions on his own — and that he was due to consider his

macy had sown confusion in Bosnian Serb ranks, but yes-

terday it was the various organs of the international

community that looked in

rajevo from Stockholm yes-terday evening — but insisted that "whatever is done has the full support of the interna-

tional community".

His remarks recalled the days of the United Nations' mission in Bosnia (Unprofor) disarray. Mr Bildt's deputy. Michael Steiner, issued a challenge to his own putative employers, from 1992 to 1995, which was the major powers to make reduced by timidity and lack of international consensus to near paralysis in its dealings

with the Serbs.
There is a danger of going through 'Unprofor-isation' again," said a veteran UN aid official. "But it's not really surprising. After all, it's more or less the same governments involved.

International cohesion further undermined by per-sistent off-the-record sniping between Nato and Mr Bildt's office Each institution wants the other to deal with Mr

Officials in the high representative's office were furning

Yeltsin leans on

daughter's arm

officers ridiculing Mr Bildt's apparent gaffe. They in turn accuse I-For of doing everyaccuse 1-ror of doing every-thing possible to avoid con-fronting Mr Karadzic.

There is also an ill-con-cealed rift within the high

representative's office between Mr Bildt and Mr Steiner. They are reported to be barely on speaking terms, caused by a clash of egos and policy differences. Mr Steiner is said to be in favour of taking a tougher line against non-compliance with the Day-

Both Nato officers and Mr Bildt's aides are hopeful that the campaign to get rid of Mr Karadzic will be given fresh impetus after the second round of the Russian elections tomorrow. Western governments have been reluctant to take tough action partly for fear of arousing pro-Serb sen-timent in Russia and damaging Boris Yeltsin's chances.

### Briton asked to help inquiry

Stephen Bates in Brussels

HE Belgian police have asked the European Commission to lift the diplomatic immunity of a so that they can interview him about one of the biggest fraud's in the 40-year history

Alan Mayhew is a former acting director of the Commission's tourism unit, which is embroiled in a bribery and corruption scandal thought to run into millions of pounds.

It was stressed in Brussels yesterday that Mr Mayhew is not accused of wrong-doing but needs to be questioned about the department for which he was responsible.

Mr Mayhew, who is thought to have returned to academic life in Britain, was until recently one of the most senior British officials in the Commission's Phare programme, channelling aid to estern Europe.

The police investigation is the second involving a senior Briton in the Commission

In February Michael Emer son, a former EU ambassador to Russia, left under a cloud after being accused of a conflict of interest in discussing a private business arrangement with a Russian tycoon. He was allowed to take early retirement on a reduced pen-sion but his conduct was censured as deplorable.

The Commission is still considering the police request to interview Mr Mayhew and has asked for more informa-tion about the investigation. Last night the Tory MEP Edward Macmillan-Scott, investigation of the tourism unit, said: "The Commission must respond positively to the police's request in order to show openness. They have previously been relying on

to collaborate with the police investigation. The police are also seeking permission to question a rich von Moltke — a member of the famous military family — who succeeded Mr Mayhew in the post, and a senior later of the later of the famous military family were using drift nets on average twice the allowed length 1.5 miles.

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the goodwill of their employ-

French official, René Guth, who has also been involved in

running the unit. Both men still work in the Commission. It is understood that Mr von Moltke has already been questioned infor-

tend to obstruct the inquiry but needed more information before responding to the call to lift immunity.
Police involvement in Com-

mission affairs is relatively unusual: this is thought to be only the fourth time that it lomatic immunity enjoyed by senior officials.

vestigation begun more than a year ago into the way the early 1990s, prompted by allegations that money intended for tourism studies in the Mediterranean was returned to officials in backhanders.

unit has been run began in 1990, when it was accused of mismanaging a European Year of Tourism. It has an annual budget of about £5 million.

It is claimed that officials took bribes from companies and consultants awarded the tourism studies amounting to at least 10 per cent of the contract value. Some of the studes were not carried out, it is

A former Greek senior official. George Tzoanos, and a Frenchman, Pascal Chatillon, who were employed on a temporary contract, were ar-rested in January and are awaiting trial in Belgium. The Greek government

wants to interview Mr Tzoanos and his wife Kyriaki Sapountzaki about accusations that they bought shares on the Athens stock exchange with more than £130,000 of EU money intended for two tour-

ism projects.
Fishermen heckled the European fisheries commissioner, Emma Bonino, yester-day as she told Italy to respect day as she told talk to talk to talk to talk the international regulations or face a United States trade embargo. Last month, she said, patrols found that 15 of the 16

the Commission did not in-

The request is part of an in-

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Superior Court, Travolta

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minister is warning that a diet of budget-cutting to get the country lean enough for the single Euro-pean currency could jeopardise European defence pro-jects cherished by Chancellor Helmut Kohl, including some with Britain, and deal a death blow to the country's arms

industry.
Volker Rühe is mounting a

In a letter to the chancellor. Mr Ruhe said the defence cuts demanded by Mr Waigel would mean the armed forces would need to shrink, that the system of conscription valued by Mr Kohl could be imperlled, that the Eurofighter

crapped, and that other joint Franco-German projects for spy satellites and belicopters may need to be dropped.

The combative Mr Rühe.

who has long harboured am-bitions to succeed Mr Kohl as

tion told Reuter last week that Mr Rühe had broken off a meeting with Mr Waigel after the latter insisted on the high level of cuts.

Mr Waigel is now drafting

next year's budget, a crucial exercise since next year's economic data will be used to de-cide which countries qualify for the common European currency supposed to be in-troduced at the beginning of 1999 Mr Kohl is the heavweight leader of the single currency project, although the country's current weak economic performance means

Hillary Clinton waves to a crowd of several thousand people in Bucharest's Revolution Square yesterday after pledging support for Romania's fledgling democracy. Mrs Clinton was beginning an 11-day tour of central and eastern Europe

package," Mr Waigel said yes-terday in Munich.

12 billion demanded by the fi-nance minister are what we really want politically, than we cannot maintain the draft," he told one newspaper. Despite the expansion of the country's territory after unification in 1990 and the ab-sorption of the East German military, the defence budget has shrunk by around 10 billion marks (£4.3 billion) over

this year. Mr Waigel wants to trim another billion marks from defence next year and the jury is still out on 12 billion between now and whether Germany will pass the end of the century.

HEN rumours about Boris Yeltsin's state of health began to spread last week, the Krem-lin rushed out film showing a wan, puffy leader meeting his inner circle of campaign aides. In the group of theasy, dark-suited men, one figure in a brightly checked jacket stood out: Tatyana Dyachenko, the president's daughter, an increasingly important figure in Russia's battle for power.

The full extent of her influence is unknown. But no one doubts that the 36-yearold former mathematician has her father's ear and trust at a time of upheaval in his administration, when his latest illness leaves him vulnerable to pressure and

intrigue. Alexei Venediktov, a political analyst for Echo Moskvi radio in Moscow, said Ms Dyachenko reminded him of Jacque Chirac's daughter

and image maker Claude.
"In the last three weeks
particularly, between the presidential elections, her role has become a leading one," he said.

The president is the patriarch in the family, so she doesn't have the final say. But she draws his attention to things he wouldn't otherwise pay attention to." Ms Dyachenko says her father invited her to join his re-election campaign at the end of February, just after the birth of her

second son, Gleb.
She began with grooming tips and advice on how to deal with the media. On the campaign trail she disci-plined the president's wind-

blown mane of silver hair. By June she was ready to play a decisive part in the purge of his hardline associates. It is thought to be chiefly through his daughter that "democratic" members of his campaign team were able to convince the president that men like the Kremlin security chief, Alexander Korzhakov, were plotting to disrupt the

elections.
With unwitting pre-science, General Korzhakov foresaw his own down-fall in an amiable tribute to Ms Dyachenko in Ogonyok Leader comment, page 8

magazine in April. "There is a certain distance between the president and his aides, even with the closest advisers," he said.

"There are some things which no one can bring themselves to discuss with him, especially if they are unpleasant. So it's very important that there should be a person who can tell the president whatever they think ... This can only be his wife or his daughter." Ms Dyachenko claims that Mr Yeltsin's all-male

entourage tried to margina-lise her role in the campaign, and months ago she mentioned Gen Korzahkov as one of those she found "particularly difficult". Most observers expect Ms Dyachenko to return to

housewifely motherhood after the election, but if Mr

Yeltsin wins he faces a debilitating struggle to assert The idea of making government a

family business seems unlikely to catch on

political landscape, and he may need people he can trust in the face of the as-sertive General Alexander nite

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Although the Communist-nationalist challenger, Gennady Zyuganov, has paign team, an economist and a former cosmonaut, the main role of women so far has been to parade for the cameras as the candi-

dates' exemplary wives. The idea of making government a family business, in the Asian fashion, seem unlikely to catch on in Russia. Mikhail Gorbachev's wife Raisa aroused intense hostility in the late 1980s with her high public profile and regal ways.
Asked recently what she

would think about her grandchildren going into politics, Mr Yeltsin's wife Name recoiled. "No, no, no, no, no," she

said. "It's a very hard job."

lan Traynor in Bonn

strong rearguard action aimed at exempting the de-fence budget from the tough austerity drive led by the finance minister, Theo Waigel. The defence minister has an pealed directly to Mr Kohl to intervene on his side ahead of the 1997 budget

Spain would need to be

chancellor, is reported to have told Mr Waigel he is "schizophrenic" in the row over defence spending. Sources in Mr Kohl's coali-

next year. "Everyone must make

contribution to the savings Klaus Rose, chairman of parliament's defence commit-

tee and a member of Mr Wai-gel's Christian Social Union, that cutting defence spending could mean the end of conscription.
"If the total cuts of

that period to £20.3 billion

#### **News in brief**

#### Russia tests missiles

Ballistic missiles were fired by three Russian nuclear sub-marines in the Sea of Okhotsk in the Far East in an unprece-dented naval exercise, the Russian navy said yesterday. Nuclear warheads were not used in the exercise, the first of its kind, which was to test the combat readiness of the Pacific Fleet's nuclear containment force.—AP.

Tapie sentenced

A French court gave the bankrupt businessman and former cabinet minister Bernard Tapie a two-year suspended jail sentence vesterday for fraud. He was also fined Fr200.000 (£27.000) and banned from managing a business for five years. — Reuter.

Road rage deaths Two people were killed and 12 injured when an argument between two motorists in Akkar. Lebanon. was decided with gunfire. One of the motorists in a contract the motorists. motorists was among the dead. - AP.

Chernobyl leak

station. Ukraine's nuclear au-

#### gineer at the plant said the leak posed no threat to staff or the environment - Reuter. Iraq plan opposed Iraq's efforts to resume oil exports to buy food and medi-cine ran into trouble yester-day when the US said it

thority said yesterday. An en-

opposes Baghdad's plan for distributing goods bought with the profits.—AP. Death sentences

A special court yesterday sen-tenced three Bahraini men to death for a fire bomb attack that killed seven Bangladeshis in a restaurant. It is only the second time in 20 years that death sentences have been returned there.

been returned there. - AP. Sex tourism case

Dutch legal authorities have been asked by the Philippines to prosecute a Dutch man accused of sex offences com-mitted in the Philippines in what would be the first sex tourism case in the Nether-lands, the justice ministry said yesterday. - Reuter.

'Mobster' arrest

reactors at Chernobyl power | nised crime in Calabria, Italy, was arrested yesterday after two years on the run. Giorgio De Stefano, aged 40, was hid-ing in a trunk when police raided the flat in which he

was staying. — AP. Journalist beaten A journalist who accused the Egyptian interior minister's sons of corruption, Magdi Russein, was beaten yester-

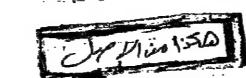
day by seven men he claimed were sent by the government as a warning. — AP. Peace gesture Greek Cypriot taxi drivers yesterday freed pigeons as symbols of peace on the "Green Line" dividing the south from the Turkish Cyp-

riot north - Reuter.

Heroin seizure Italian police in Naples yes terday seized 84 kilograms of heroin - worth £300 million and arrested a German accused of seeking to sell it to local mobsters. - AP.

**Booze banned** 

The president of the Islamic Comoro Islands in the Indian Ocean has banned imports of A small radiation leak oc- A lawyer considered to be one or to be sold in be curred in one of two working of the brains behind organical eigners. — Reuter. alcohol except by diplomats or to be sold in hotels to for-



**News in brief** 

### **Mongolia votes** to end an era

MONGOLIA got a change of government yesterday for the first time in 75 years when the Democratic Union coalition won a landslide victory in parliamentary elections, toppling the former communists. The Democrats captured 48 of the 76 seats in the Communists. the Great Hural, or parliament, up from six in 1992, surprising diplomats and the opposition itself.

"This was a very important election," said Enkhsaikhan, who leads a coalition of the two main opposition parties, the National Democratic Party (NDP) and the Social Democratic Party (NDP) and the Social Democratic

Party (SDP). "We are setting the sights of the Mongolian people into the next century."

The formerly communist Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party (MPRP) saw its 70 seats slashed to 23. Results of the other five seats had yet to be reported. — Reuter, Ulan Bator.

#### Suu Kyi's marriage 'example'

BURMESE official media warned yesterday that the pro-democsouthwasts official ments warned yesternay that the pro-democ-racy leader Aung San Suu Kyi was setting an example for other women to follow her and marry foreign men. "She should try to abandon politics and co-operate in serving the people by using what she has studied." said the commentary in state-run

"Followers generally follow in the footsteps of their leader," it said. "If Daw Aung San Suu Kyi became leader, most women would follow in her footsteps." Ms Suu Kyi is married to Michael Aris, a British academic.

Meanwhile, European diplomats were still waiting last night to talk with government officials about the death in prison 10 days ago, of James Leander (Leo) Nichols, a former honorary consul for Norway and representative for Denmark, Finland and Switzerland. — Reuter, Rangoon.

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#### Union challenges Netanyahu

ISRAELI hospitals, airports and state-run radio stations shut down for an hour yesterday in protest at the new Prime Minister's

privatisation plans. The strike by 400,000 workers, backed by the Histadrut trade union, indicated the strong opposition to Binyamin Netanyahu's economic measures.

The Histadrut treasurer and leftwing MP Haim Oron said the strike was motivated by "outrageous statements, as if a new page has been turned in Israel where everything that moves is privatived. tised, whether it is necessary or not, whether or not it will lead to more efficiency." — AP, Jerusalem.

### Spain still ready to woo ETA

SPAIN said yesterday it would continue its conciliatory moves towards jailed ETA rebels despite a decision by the Basque

eparatist guerrillas not to prolong a one-week truce. "It's a policy which must continue, truce or not," the interior

minister, Jaime Mayor Oreja, told state radio.

ETA, which has killed some 800 people in its fight for independence since 1968, rejected conditions for peace talks set by Basque political parties but said it remained open to the possibility of

Hopes for peace talks rose after ETA's political wing, Herri Batasuna, grudgingly welcomed a decision by the conservative government to move 32 of nearly 500 jailed ETA rebels to prison closer to the Basque country. - Reuter, Madrid.

#### Aborigines fight euthanasia

SCORES of aborigines travelled from outback camps to pack Darwin's Supreme Court yesterday for the opening hearing of the legal challenge to the Northern Territory's new euthanasia law. A coalition of lawyers, doctors and church leaders has launched a Supreme Court challenge to the world's first voluntary euthanasia law, which came into force yesterday. For aborigines the fight is about protecting traditional laws dating back more than 40,000 years and passed on, they say, from the spiritual Dresmtime, the moment when the earth was born.

"Traditional aboriginal people don't want to talk about it
[enthanasia]," said Djiniyini Goodarra, a clergyman and a campaign leader. "They are really terrified because it contravenes the law of the land. It is awful to talk about somebody's death or somebody using screery to take somebody else's life. — Reuter,

### Party craze for cats' drug

A VETERINARY anaesthetic used on dogs and cats has become a popular drug among Swedish youth at rave parties and techno nightclubs, the newspaper Svenska Dagbladet reported

Medical experts have warned young people that the drug, Ketamin can cause a heart attack or even death. It goes by the slang name "Special K" and has entered the market through animal clinics, police say. — Reuter, Stockholm

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Uncritical mass . . . More than 1,000 youths take the Chinese Communist Party oath in an induction ceremony in Beijing's Tisnanmen Square on the party's 75th anniversary yesterday. A stern anniversary warning was issued to wayward cadres to pay more attention to socialist politics and to stay away from corruption, self-interest and crime

Boarding of plane prompts fears about freedom of travel in and out of Hong Kong after hand-over

### Chinese police halt petition mission

GROUP of pro-de-mocracy politicians flew home to Hong Kong yesterday after Chinese police boarded their plane in Beijing, confiscated travel documents, and barred them from disembarking to deliver a 60,000-signature petition calling on China not to abolish the colony's elected

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them members of the colony's
most popular political force,
the Democratic Party.

comes a "special administra- member group had been itive region". The saga dominated radio and television news broad-

casts in Hong Kong throughout the day, overshadowing a formal change of name by the now no-longer-Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club and the broadcast of a flamboyant one-year-to-go variety show

in Beijing.
"It is ironic that Hong Kong
is returning to China but the to abolish the colony's elected people of Hong Kong, or some legislature.

The abortive nine hour misinto China," said Lee Cheuk-

warned not to go.
"They tried to force their way in to make a show. This will not be tolerated," he said, adding that "any country has

the right to act to protect national security".

Mr Zhang did not elaborate
on the national security on the national security threat posed by a petition calling on China not to replace Hong Kong's elected legislative council with a hand-picked "provisional" body.

Chinese police who boarded the flight were said to have had a three-page "blacklist"

had a three-page "blacklist" Kong for critics of Beiting. with the names of around 200 Particularly vulnerable are Hong Kong residents, many of dissidents from the mainland

Most ethnic Chinese living in Hong Kong normally have the right to visa-free traval to the mainland. China has denied the existence of any blacklist.

But Andrew Cheng, the Democratic Party legislator who organised the trip, said: It is a lie that there is no blacklist. It is a lie that the Democratic Party can still continue to be involved in Hong Kong politics."

its plans to uproot reforms introduced, without its consent, by the governor of Hong minister, Qian Qichen, last

month. Yesterday's incident seemed to crush hopes that

petition but Beijing has stead-fastly rejected all criticism of the government, split the the government, split the nation and the country". A Chinese-drafted constitu-

tion for the territory after Kong Chris Patten. "The rice 1997, the Basic Law, en-is cooked," said the foreign shrines a host of freedoms but. also includes Article 23, a controversial catch-all ban on "subversion". The Democratic Party

China might open a dialogue leader, Martin Lee, at the air-with the colony's pro-democ-racy camp, which trounced back from Beijing, said: "I am Some fear the episode pre-sages the end of freedom of travel in and out of Hong nates the doomed legislature. | compelled to conclude that the Chinese leaders are not interested to hear from Hong Kong for critics of Beijing. Asked about future protest rallies in an interview published yesterday, China's lished yesterday, China's hother words, if they want to hear now living in the colony.

The Chinese constitution guarantees the right to Nan, said there would be no are rejected."

### White House turns caped crusader to beat Hollywood 'superheroes'

Jonathan Freedland in Washington

N WHAT could be an uneven contest, the Clinton administration has picked a fight with Mighty Morphin Power Rangers — television's cartoon superheroes idolised by children and loathed by

by children and loathed by parents the world over.

Marking the latest in a string of attacks on Hollywood values by Washington, the vice-president, Al Gore, criticised the TV characters, who have inspired a feature-length film and a multimillion-dollar industry in spireoff toys.

spin-off toys.
"Shows like the Power Rangers tell children that the best way to solve a problem or win an argument is to get violent - to kick, to karate chop, ent — to kick, to karate chop, attend while at Californ stays constitute to launch a missible." Mr Gore told an auditore of entertainment executives at the weekend:

The vice-president — drawsometimes to launch a mis-sile," Mr Gore told an audience of entertainment execu-tives at the weekend:

Power Rangers were "just not good for children".

Mr Gore's speech signalled a clear bid by the White Last month the administra-House to win over the large number of US voters hostile to Hollywood and to stop Republicans from taking the initiative on the issue of

A year ago the Republican presidential nominee, Bob Dole, won plaudits when he accused movie moguls of peddling "nightmares of

depravity". But Mr Gore's attack was also part of an emerging "good cop/bad cop" routine with the president, in which the vice-president goes on the attack while Mr Clinton stays

ing applause, and some continues to cosy up to Holly-than to the Democrats. hisses, from the Variety wood's biggest stars, including ShowBiz Expo. the industry's annual trade fair — said the Geffen, Barbra Streisand, in 1994 — during the fit

tion threatened \$2 billion (£1.3 million) sanctions against China, demanding that Beljing crack down on 31 factories producing unauthorised CDs, videos and software — a pet concern of the entertainment industry.

The action was partly prompted by growing Demo-cratic concern that the Holly-wood community can no longer be taken for granted. Showbiz donations to the Republican party, once tiny, are now up sharply. Last year, 58 per cent of Holly-wood's political donations

The shift is partly a punish ment for Mr Clinton's failure in 1994 — during the final negotiations of the Gatt trade deal — to guarantee unlim-ited access for US films to the European market Hollywood was angered by that. However, at the same time,

the White House also needs to assuage conservative opinion assuage conservative opinion by opposing screen violence and volgarity.

Although the former vice-president Dan Quayle was ridiculed in 1992 for attacking the TV sitcom Murphy

Brown, politicians have found that criticism of Hollywood pays dividends. Mr Clinton himself has suggested a V-chip in TV sets could allow parents to block proscribed programmes.

Mr Gore's speech was in keeping with the administra-tion's strategy for Novem-ber's election, in which every issue is framed in terms of its

### Vietnam reform comes at price

Communist leaders | sweeping powers claimed for the standing committee. are reluctant to loosen their grip,

reports **Nick** Cumming-Bruce

at the final day of the Hanoi congress

TETNAM'S Communist

poorest countries. In a Hanoi hall adorned with busts of Marx and Lenin, the dele-gates wound up the congress with scarcely a murmur about political reform.

The foreign minister, Nguyen Manh Cam, said party leaders wanted "a higher degree of intensity" in their drive to modernise. But he added: "Our task is to maintain social and political

An expanded 19-man politburo - endorsed by the congress in four days of debates includes more technocrats drops some of the crustier

pointment of the army's political commissar and a deputy interior minister to a new polithuro standing committee underlined their higher profile.

security." But in a sign that the secu-

choreographed proceedings of region. The problem is only the closing session with a remarkable challenge to the will step down."

To applause from other dele-gates, southerner Tran Trong Tan argued that the commit-

tee's powers were excessive and "undemocratic". Strong support for his views in a show of hands prompted party leaders to agree to delete all reference to the committee's powers from party stat-utes. The amendment leaves the body in charge of day-today management of party mat-ters but no longer empowered

leaders have announced that they will push ahead with reforms aimed at creating a market economy over the next few years but must step up security to preserve their grip on power asthey do it.

These twin concerns emerged yesterday at the end of a congress of the Communist Party intended to open a new phase of modernisation and industrial development in one of South East Asia's poorest countries. In a Hanoi hall adorned with busts of

replacements.
That means Victurem's top political job remains in the hands of a 79-year old with an appetite for power and a wry sense of humour. Do Muoi has transformed himself from a stern apparatchik who after the Vietnam war, imposed a rigid and ultimately unsuccessful communism on

celerate the process," he said, mixing with the press during tea breaks from the congress. He added that he would retire only when the party and the people told him to go. When asked why he thought they wanted him to stay, Mr Mnoi retorted with a smile: "The

Party officials argue that

to a new market-oriented economy. But the less patient say there is a price to be paid for

### **Dominicans give narrow** victory to Balaguer's man

Phil Gunson Latin America

ATIN AMERICA'S most durable politician, President Joaquin Balaguer of the Dominican Republic, has once again outsmarted his op-ponents. In a close-fought run-off election his chosen successor. Leonal Fernández of the Dominican Liberation Party (PLD), defeated the social democrat José Fran-cisco Pena Gómez, who was making his third presidential

"Balaguer's strategy was to see how he could end up with the largest quota of power, de-spite not being president," commented a historian, Bernardo Vega. Dr Fernández, whose party

has minimal parliamentary representation, will depend on Balaguer supporters until elections are held in 1998.

With all but a handful of favour by prefering him to his votes counted, he was leading own party's candidate, Vice President Jacinto Peynado. Dr Pena Gómez 51 per cent to 49 per cent Dr Pena Gómez, the candidate of the Domini-May 46-39 per cent.



In his grasp: Fernandez salutes his election victory

Mr Balaguer, aged 89 and president for 22 of the past 30 years, was forced by the PDR to cut short his current term and hold elections. He tipped the balance in Dr Fernández's

Mr Vega said Dr Fernandez the candidate of the Domini-can Revolutionary Party (PRD), led the first round in

### 370-year link with the Crown Eric Nursé in Bridgetown

Barbados considers ending its

DARBADOS, regarded as one of the most English of the Caribbean islands, is reconsidering its links with the monarchy. Today a 10member constitutional commission begins a year-long review of the constitution's allocation of powers.
Its remit includes "the appropriateness or otherwise of maintaining Barba dos's link to the British Crown," the prime minis-ter, Arthur Owen, told a news conference at the

Mr Owen declined to give his own opinion on the future role of the Queen. "It is a matter that must necessarily be addressed. There will be strong views on both sides of the issue,"

he said.

"All of us will welcome the opportunity to put it in a context that will allow Barbados to have a relationship with a head of state that is relevant and makes sense in our context."

Barbados was uninhabited when English settlers majority of arrived in 1627. They set up house. — AP.



in 1966.

Mr Owen said the commission would also consider the relevance of retaining the British-style bicameral parliament. Any constitutional change must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the lower

sugar plantations and imported African slaves whose descendants form the majority of the 264,000 population. The colony became an independent member of the Commonwealth

# the south to an active pro-moter of reforms. "I myself would like to ac-

The new line-up, however, conspicuously increases the number of military and inter-nal security chiefs. The ap-

"The past few years have shown that we can only have economic development with political stability," Mr Cam said. "If we wish to have stability we must ensure our

rity services were not neces-sarily going to get their own way on every issue, a delegate yesterday upset the carefully

people are wise." He is not expected, however, to keep the job long beyond national assembly elections due in October next

his continued presence pro-vides continuity and stability without impeding the switch

preserving the trolks. "The price is time," an economist said. "Time is money, time is growth and the gap between Vietnam and the rest of the

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### Don't push Labour too far

Tony Blair is nearing the limits of tolerance

WITHOUT party unity there will be no In some respects it is the modesty of Labour election victory. Without that victory there will be no Labour governstrength. There is, however, little doubt ment. That government is the only that very many more in the party have realistic alternative to the Conserva-held their tongues rather than add to tives. Does it therefore follow that in the cause of achieving a Labour government, no dissent against the party leadership can be tolerated, and is that the main, they reflect genuine disagreeway that Tony Blair is increasingly running the party, as opponents have argued in the past few days?

The extent to which these questions the party's ranks is unprecedented in Mr Blair's two year leadership. Last week, his decision to impose a referendum on devolution in Scotland and Wales angered powerful constituencies, leading to the resignation of John McAllion from the front bench. Already this week there have been backbench outbursts against Mr Blair's methods, not all of which have come from expected quarters. At the weekend there were reports that Mr Blair wants to up the stakes by sacking disloyal and sub-standard Labour MPs during the next Parliament. This coming weekend, two days after the launch of Labour's Road To The Manifesto consultation exercise, a conference will rally the party's increasingly confident anti-single currency campaign, which now claims the support of more than 60 MPs and has become the principal focus of internal disagreement in the party.

These important signs must be placed in context. Mr Blair leads a disciplined party where dissent is rare. Out of office for 17 years, bitterly disappointed by its failure in 1992, the Labour Party is desperate for office. Most of its members at all levels are only too well aware to have more MPs of ministerial calibre that disunity could imperil that aim. The party elected Mr Blair because it the backbenches on the basis of their thought he was the best candidate to awkwardness, he will spark a massive win an election and most members still | revolt in the constituencies which he support him for the same reason today. will not deserve to win.

ment about substantive matters of policy as well as about leadership style. The fact that these arguments are increasing both in frequency and in the are now being openly discussed within level of support they attract, ought to be the party's ranks is unprecedented in an indication to Mr Blair that he is nearing the limits of the party's tolerance. Labour has good cause to be wary about conducting its arguments in pub-lic, but genuine disagreements never-theless need to be properly debated. On one level, they are; Labour has innumerable forums at all levels of the party where these issues can be and are hammered out, and Thursday's launch will begin an unprecedented membership debate about the draft manifesto. The big problems for the leadership's critics are that most members seem willing to back Mr Blair's ideas and, second, that Mr Blair's party machine generally commands the airwaves.

But Mr Blair should not mistake loyalty for agreement, let alone intellectual quality. The reason Labour members will probably vote for Mr Blair's manifesto is that they want him to win the election, not because they are fanatical enthusiasts for his policies or because they share the silly cult of "strong leadership". New Labour is centralised enough, without giving the leader further power to impose his ideas. Many will share Mr Blair's wish in his team, but if he ever tries to purge

### **Avoid General Lebed at all costs**

Russia should start praying for Boris Yeltsin's health

BORIS YELTSIN has urged the Russian | created vote. But what if Boris himself is too tired? It may only be a sore throat, or | the fatigue of a two-stage campaign, but Mr Yeltsin's backers must now be on their knees and praying very hard. They are faced with two unpalatable scenarios. The less likely is the one against which Mr Yeltsin's warning is directed - that a lower, dispirited turnout will allow the communist candidate Gennady Zyuganov to scrape through. Such an outcome would do Russia more harm because of the adverse image it could create than because Mr Zyuganov | of economic policies from food imports is in any sense bent on "restoring to privatisation. He has already upset communism." If he does win after all, Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin then it is in everyone's interests, out by predicting that there could be an side as well as within Russia, not to economic crisis by the autumn. He has promote an instant red scare. It is the also backed away from clearly opposing other scenario which is the real night- the unpopular war in Chechenia. But mare. That is the one when Mr Yeltsin the most worrying salvo from Mr wins, and his sore throat turns out to be Lebed's loose cannon was his speech much worse than a nasty tickle.

prime minister would take over if the omitted to list Judaism as one of Ruspresident were unable to fulfil his sia's traditional religions. When he was duties, whether next week or next year. That unfortunately does not reckon with the reality of Mr Yeltsin's hasty political horse-trading after his narrow first-round victory. This has elevated ex-General Alexander Lebed to a position which, in the bad old days, would building of fine free-market castles in have been regarded as that of "chosen the air. The best course is to avoid successor". He has already claimed that the post of vice-president should be for the result — and then hold on tight.

- no names, but only one voters not to allow their "grievances strong candidate. Wielding his sword, and tiredness" to sway tomorrow's he has already swept off the scene various rivals in the president's camp. His role as blunt military man, gruff voice and all, has attracted quite a lot of support outside Russia among those desperate to interpret what is happening — as long as Boris stays — in a favourable light. But Mr Lebed's latest pronouncements should really set our teeth on edge.

As the new secretary of the Security Council. Mr Lebed defines his responsihilities with little trace of modesty. They appear to include a whole tranche last week to an audience of "patriotic" Constitutionally, we are assured, the organisations, in which he pointedly asked a question in a deferential manner, he accused the questioner of speaking "like a Jew." This only underlines the general point which the Guardian made before the first round: Russian politics are far too murky for any

### An unscientific solution

Removing government funding will not help science

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IF Terence Kealey did not exist, minis- government support in the last century. ters would have to invent him: a scientist who believes governments should not fund basic science. After the laisser faire economist, meet the laisser faire scientist. Moreover, as readers of our recognising the scientific potential of Online pages will know a scientist who the second. Scientists could just catch Online pages will know, a scientist who can write. His article last month collected some "hear, hears" in this column: his wish to see scientists better paid, his dismay over the huge differential between city dealers and researchers, and his outrage over the fact that Cambridge science professors, even those who are Fellows of the Royal Society, earn only £37,500. But in his latest book - and in a debate last night - he goes too far suggesting not just that commercial companies will step in where governments withdraw their science funding but that such a withdrawal will lead to an increased expen-

diture on science. Undoubtedly science thrived without complaint about academic salaries.

Undoubtedly ingenious people centurles ago invented technology — steam-power and telescopes — without understanding the physics of the first or up in those days. The explanation came after the invention of steampower -Galileo showed how a fun instrument at fairgrounds could transform the laws of the universe by looking at the moon. But the onus now is on understanding the science before the technology can be developed particularly in the field of pharmaceuticals and medicine. Of course good science still requires a lot of intuition, luck and obsession. But we also need a more coherent strategy to end the shortage of science teachers. encourage British firms to pick up the breakthroughs of our resident research teams - and meet Terence Kealey's



#### Letters to the Editor

### Islington rule, not OK

tion of a referendum on his Scottish party (Let-ters, June 29) was more indic-

ters, June 29) was more indicative of new Labour than the issue of the referendum itself. It was the way it was done that caused the real damage.

The London-originated imposition on people who had remained loyal when others deserted Labour en masse was a sad spectacle. The Blair magic is less-well received magic is less-well received here than among the Isling-ton policymakers, principle still playing an important role in Scottish politics. The British identity has for us become an embarrassment and more of a burden than any-thing positive, especially with

thing positive, especially with regard to Europe.

Too often, legitimate aspirations are met by the constitutional dialogue of the deaf.

"We know what you want, we know what is good for you."

Many of us suspect that even the very mild form of self-government proposed by the constitution. ernment proposed by the con-stitutional convention is going to be disched by new Labour on the altar of southern votes. Stave Williams.

11 Clifton Manor. Absrdeen AB24 4 ness on devolution will play well in the Home Counties" (Blair facing loyalty fight, July 1). But, as the usual chief suspect in the "sources" stakes, and as the source who dutifully returned all the calls of your reporter on Sunday, can I repeat what I said to her that the referendum plan is designed to help Labour de-liver on our commitment to et up a Scottish parliament

with tax-varying powers. That commitment exists because it is right, not because it appeals to any particular

with recommendations which will champion those one in

their ways. What do we get? Clobbered

much encouragement there for openness and determina-

tion to get to grips with

Richard Wells.

Chief Constable,

South Yorkshire Police

just one man's view.

Lawrence Sutton.

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OIR DENIS Forman (Let-ters, June 29) demon-strates the irrelevance of

trasting opinions of Andrew

Clements and Rodney Milnes

ewspaper critics in the con-

IONY BLAIR'S imposi- | section of the public. The idea | apparent commitment to inthat the voters of the Home Counties are deciding which party to support on the basis of Tony Blair's approach to the Scottish parliament is absurd. They are deciding their vote on the Tory record and on what Labour will do in the areas of concern to them the economy, jobs, health, education and crime chief among them. Alastair Campbell

Press Secretary to Tony Blair. House of Commons, London SW1A OAA

Perhaps Jim Callaghan felt the same way when trying (unsuccessfully) to get Scot-land and Wales off the West-minster agenda in 1978-79. Perhaps David Lloyd George was looking at parliamentary arithmetic when trying to partition Ireland out of sight

(disastrously) in the 1920s.
But there is real life going
on in the regions and nations
outside of the Home Counties.
The devolution of real decijust another opinion poll HAVE no idea which, if same. And real life has a any, "sources close to habit of defeating governments (and aspiring governments) which focus too paroments) which focus too paroments. chially on their own local, home county concerns. John Nicholson. 58 Langdale Road, Manchester M14 5PN.

> YOUR leader (Power to the citizens, June 28) fails to note some of the major concerns which Welsh feel at present about Labour's plans for a Welsh assembly specifically the lack of primary legislative power and the lack of revenue-raising

In your column, Labour's

troducing an "element of pro-portionality" into the electoral process for the new assembly is generously inter-preted as election through proportional representation. However, no element of inclusiveness is demonstrated in its plans for a referendum

which fails to offer any real choice for the people of Wales. Only two options are on offer — the present status quo comprising quanges and a governor-general, or Labour's half-baked executive assem-bly which the Constitution Unit described this week as

YOUR lead article says it all "Sources" inform us that Blain's tough line on devolution will win support in the Home Counties.

Perhaps Jim Callaghan felt our own laws and raise our o own revenue? Successive opinion polls have shown this is what Wales wants. Dafydd Wigley MP. President, Plaid Cymru.

House of Commons, London SWIA OAA

EFERENDUMS are never "right" in themselves. Nobody is going to grant a referendum to the people of Hong Kong, in this rump of colonies will be settled along the standard pattern of partition, along with its woeful consequences as seen in In-dia, Pakistan, Ireland, etc. Governments only hold referenda when they are convinced that the public will

agree to the proposition.

Devolution is not a quaint hobby-horse for ungrateful Celts to ride on the political is a practical response to a moral question, namely: "Is it right for one country to govern another.' Danny Kilbride.

### More nominations for the war crimes tribunal show

action by I-For against Karad-zic and Mladic will increase the chance of the present armed truce lasting beyond the end of the year (A ques-tion of commitment, July 1).

I do not doubt that there is a strong legal case against the two warlords but the size of their following amongst the Bosnian Serbs will increase, not decrease, if the West continues to apply such hypo-critical double standards. Until such time as Franjo Tudjman, whose Croatian regime forcibly evicted 300,000 Serbs from Croatia,

murdered thousands of Krajina Serb civilians, persecuted the Italian minority in Istria, and, via proxies, mas-sacred the Muslims of Mos-tar, is treated as a war crimi-nal and not a world statesman, there seems little hope that the Serb people will abandon the militaristic na-tionalist leadership that led them to disaster in the 1990s.
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CANNOT understand how lanybody who believes in the peace process in Bosnia can imagine that a one-sided action by LFor against Karad character (June 27) doing Watch letter (June 27) doing when the whole debacle was being engineered by the

What were they saying or what were they saying or doing when Lord Carrington warned John Major that a ter-rible civil war was inevitable if we went ahead with the recognition of Croatia and Bosnia as independent countries? And to whom did they protest when John Major traded German acceptance of the British opt-out of the Social Chapter in exchange for recognition of Croatia?

Unfortunately for the people whom Karadzic pur-ported to lead, there was no case for recognising one new republic without the other. Sid Green.

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#### The house that Richard built

N PUTTING the case for by the new." The South Bank more creative architecture complex is unique. It was (Letters July 1), Sir Richard Rogers exposes his own weakness. Where is it written that a building must be "truly crefringes, nor is it a means to bring democracy. Devolution is a practical response to a moral question, namely: "Is it work of art?" Does he forget that his fellow architects once described high-rise council flats and shoe-box offices in

such terms? No one doubts the visual and social benefits of a welldesigned building, but when an architect's so-called vision takes precedence over func-tionality and the human scale of things, the result is a monument to stupidity, not to creativity.
John Wilson.

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IKE Sir Richard Rogers, deplore the timidity of creative development in Britain and think Daniel Libeskind's designs for the V & A exten-sion 'brilliant."

Yet Rogers's own plans for the South Bank do not back up his statement that "hisup his statement that "his-tory is not so easily shocked Manchester, M1 5JF.

complex is unique. It was bold design for its time. It isn't mundane. And some of us love its hard-edge, its continuing challenge. We like its brutality. We don't even mind getting wet if it is raining, or baking if the sun shines.

I don't want to perpetually view the world from inside a glass mall. Yes, let's support the brave but it does not only belong in the future. Lynne Salmon. 55 Manor Lane, London SE13.

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EYAN Sudjic (How would you rebuild this? June 26) is right about the potential for regenerating central Man-chester in the wake of the IRA bombing. The tragedy has opened up an opportunity to turn it into the great European city it aspires to be.

In the meantime, the Government could help by assisting the businesses blighted by the explosion. Otherwise, the process will be driven by pressing, but short-term, economic considerations.

Martin Burch. Flat 17, Chepstow House,

#### **A Country Diary**

SOMERSET: A number of remain of the secular Berkely threads, not all of them purely nostalgic, draw us back to the old, greystone town of Bruton. Although not nowadays a homecoming, the journey, winding a narrow way between hedges and past rounded green hillsides to the point where, down in a hol-low, the jumbled roofscape, ruined dovecote and perpen-dicular church appear, al-ways feels like a pleasurable small adventure.

The names — Quaperlake and Patwell Streets, Cuckolds Row and Plox (the road I once lived in beside the river) and the nooks, crooked corners and secretive little alleys called Bartons, are all intriguing. Only the buttressed precinct wall remains from the priory whose decline, in what is now such an eminently. is now such an eminently-respectable place, began with the unfortunate events of 1492 when an ordinance from the bishop indicated that the canons had been gambling. hunting and entertaining women. "especially Margaret Stawel". The smooth glebe conceals whatever may

mansion that superseded the priory. In Higher Backwlay stands a stark relic of what quite recently was Jones's Mill. The original and venerable Jones lived in the substantial millowner's house, which he built for £500 (I have seen the bill). Now, most of the mill has been flattened to make way for a mixed devel-opment of 40 dwellings. A narrow, gothic archway opposite the developer's site leads into an overgrown garden from which, if you are in the know, you approach a coach-house turned into a museum, and the goal of our most recent visit.

Amongst the documents.
photographs and implements
that tell of a rural community with its own industries, clubs and pastimes, we found the curiosity we sought, the uniform of Uncle Bert Pitman, remembered as the forbidding elderly relative of our Hampshire visi-tor, and celebrated locally as

JOHN VALLINS



#### Golden rules for golden goals

T IS EASY to see why the Euro 96 golden goal system fails in every respect. It could be successfully adapted as foleight who feel unfairly treated and put on notice to those few who consciously behave badly that their days with us will be numbered if they don't mend lows: the first goal in any knock-out game should be-What do we get? Clobbered come golden, so that if there is for the small percentage of bad a draw at full or after extra time, then the first goal wins. This would encourage attack-ing play from the outset withbehaviour and no recognition of how far we've come. Not out denying the conceding team the opportunity to fight problem which pervades

Chris Fisher. 268/270 Lavender Hill,

The critic's opinion is worth no more than that of Joe Bloggs or Basil Bighead; it is We must surely curse the professional critics for the win the match by playing foot-ball? This would also prevent the player who misses his pen-alty from feeling it was his fault that the team lost rather alienation of true opera-lovers through the acceptance of the modern, updated, incredulous productions and cardboardbox sets perpetrated by such as Peter Sellars, Tim Albery, than their collective responsi bility, which it really is. David Hunt. Graham Vick, Jonathan Miller, etc, etc.

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back - and win. Again to encourage attack-ing play in the early rounds, the respective team record in the whole of the tournament could decide a team's fate if all is level. If penalties are needed, then all 11 players should take spot kicks before resorting to sudden death. Steven Dunne and

WHY don't they have the penalty kicks before extra time, so allowing the team that will lose by penalties time to 60 Brockesby Walk, Bury St Edmunds,

cer scoring that would almost avoid extra time being necessary. If the scoring was changed to a rugby-type model, one goal would no longer equal one point. For example, if a goal equalled four points, hitting the post one point, and perhaps each yellow card and red card counting as half and one point taken away, the negative situations seen in Euro 96 would not arise. Alan Naftalin. 22 Mackeson Road, London NW3 2LT.

PROPOSE a system of soc-

F, at the end of extra time, a match is a draw, then the side which last took the lead should be judged the winner. For a 1-1 draw, the side which scored first would win. Say the score (Germany v England) went 1-0, 1-1, 1-2, 22, then England would win because they were the last team ahead.

Would sides still sit on 1-0 leads? Of course, but they would have the additional fear that if they let it become 2-1 to the opposition, they would need to score two goals in order to avoid defeat; Would sides still sit on 1-0 whereas if they attacked and made it 2-0, then their oppo-nents would need to score three goals to defeat them. Mike Wellman. 38 Kingsfield Drive Manchester M20 6HX.

Matthew Norman

ONCERN mounts that Mr Tony Blair may be modelled upon a character in John Mortimer's Rumpole stories. In 1983, while in a set of chambers that mixed criminal and civil cases to an unusual degree, Mr Blair, a specialist in elegant employment law himself, had become distressed at the presence in chambers of underworld types. And so, he proposed a plan: so as not to put off the nice civil law clients, why not have two waiting rooms ... one for them, and the other for those grubby criminal types? Alas, his fellow barristers — dangerous lefties, it now seems — would have none of it. Told the story, John Mortimer at first sees no link between the Labour leader and Wagner-fixated pillock Claude Erskine Brown, Horace Rumpole's bane. However, nifty cross-examination jogs his memory. "Clande never went that far," he says, "but hang on, you're quite right, he did tell Rumpole to get rid of his criminal clients, as they were cluttering up the waiting room." And where, Mr Mortimer, did Erskine-Brown live? "In, erm, Islington." And how would you describe Erskine-Brown's wife, Phyllida? "Well, very much clewell well, very much care verer than him. A QC, and well on her way to becoming a judge. Just like, erm Good Lord." I rest my case.

URRAH for the Labour leader's best little helper. Mandy Mandelson has made it into the International Who's Who - no small honour judging by the other new comers. These include Douglas Hogg, Piers Morgan (Daily Mirror), Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinness

Na recent Saturday afternoon, word reached the Mail on Sunday that Princess Diana was shopping with a "mys-tery man" in Barker's, the store beneath its own Ken-sington offices. Staff were instantly dispatched, until it emerged that the "mystery man" was Richard Kay, my so-called rival royal watcher on the Daily Mail and Diana's pet poodle in the popular prints. "Of course we couldn't use it," says an MoS executive, adding that editor Jonathan Holborow — the former shepherd who chats animatedly with Oswald, a white cotton hand-kerchief, at times of stress— was absent. "Had he been ere, the final decision would still have been the hankie's," the source ex-plains. "Oswald's the power in the land these days. Poor old Holborow's barely more than a puppet."

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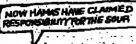
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YEAR after John Major opened its new factory in Hunting don - "the future ahead of you is bright," he said, in praising its "immense success' — engineering firm Peter Brotherhood has be forced to lay off almost a fifth of its workforce.

appier news for the P M: today is the birthday of his brother, Terry Major Ball. He is 64. "Yes, well, birth-day greetings and a bottle of wine would be very nice." says Terry, "but I'm not los-ing my hair." Terry has been typically busy of late, spending Sunday filming at Butlins in Newquay for a Granada show on holiday camps. 'T've never been to that one," he explains, "because, as you know, when I went to Butlins, it was always Bognor. I've still got a list of all the chalets I've been in." Terry hasn't been to Bognor for six years, but has made the odd day trip. "Twe been to see my friends. One of them, Jackie, is a manager in Bognor she's a very nice lady in-ve known her since

an she was chief Isn't it lovely to fol n someone's career like that?" Indeed so, and upon this cheery note, we say our birthday farewells.

EACHERS in south west London who find their pupils unusually dopey this week are directed to a new money-making scheme at Wimbledon. Children are retiring to sleep ing bags in the all-night quenes, and selling their laces to tourists first thing in the morning.





### Less desire to govern, than to be the king

#### Commentary

Hugo Young

ICHAEL Portillo
lives in the real
world. From this
location it is difficult to function as a politician. in a party on the brink of de-parting into the unreal world of powerless opposition. The Defence Secretary has his own ways of straddling the gap between sarving minister and aspirant opposition leader. some of them pretty repellent. But as custodian of the de-fence budget, he has something to be said for him. It is instructive to compare his approach to serious business with that of the enemies both behind him and in front. The minister faces some in-eluctable facts. Despite a realterms cut of 27 per cent in the last ten years, the defence budget has to be cut again. Week-end stories that the Treasury was asking for another \$400

million substantially under-estimate the case. The figure

tinuing presumption that some spending is otiose unless proved otherwise. So Portillo knows the budget has got to be improved. He found a way of doing this by selling off service homes, and then leasing back the dwindling remoder. back the dwindling number the MoD any longer needs to

house its people.
Whichever way you cut it,
this plan deserved a less cynical reception than it got it makes a lot of substantive sense, not least as a way of encouraging developers to open up thousands of empty properties the MoD are sitting on: a huge national waste. But it's also a way of making money available for front-line defence spending without increasing the defence budget. Or else of lowering public

expenditure. It has nevertheless brought the wrath of numerous interests down on the Defence Secretary. No ministry faces Whether on weapons purchas-ing, or regimental re-organisa-tion, or homes for families, or perks for the top brass, the pressures wheel smoothly into action whenever change

inefficient, which Portillo, in his previous role as Chief Secretary, had reason to discover years ago. New defence realities, in addition, create a contact of the portillo's failure to discover ago. volunteer for the Somme anniversary, and the excoriation coming from his heroine, Lady Thatcher, pour salt into his wounded reputation as a favourite son of the Tory right.
This is certainly how the right sees it. Whenever two or more Tories are gathered

together, the talk is of defeat, and the only topic of consequential interest is whether Portillo or John Redwood will better revive, as leader, the Thatcherite inheritance. Portillo y Podwood is the granular in the process of the tillo v Redwood is the speculation that obsesses these austere votaries of ideological correctness. Yet ideology has nothing to do with it. Plain old-fashioned personality, cou pled with gossip and revenge, are what determine the allegiances now being pledged.
This is an uneven contest The minister apparently doesn't have a chance. Mr Redwood, having opted out of the real world a year ago, is free to range across the field of Tory policy, cherry-picking the issues that suit his claim to be the loyal critic of the Prime Minister he sought to depose. He has been given

massive exposure in this

up behind him, some of them, no doubt out of military rather than political fraternity, signing a motion against the policy to which Portillo has printed his ministented. has pinned his ministerial

More striking about Red-wood, however, is the chronic unreality of his policies. His first attack on Major proposed spending cuts that did not survive inspection. A year's experience has not improved his game. The tranche of cuts he now puts forward, the cutting-edge of the case he makes for himself, depends on an ele-mentary misreading of the mentary misreating or the contingency reserve, and the bilthe identifying of £2.5 billion that does not exist. This is a laxity which the minister, unlike the liberated opportunist, could not let himself induige in. There seems a laxified the property of the liberate that all the liber plausible chance that All Souls, of which Redwood is so famously a Fellow, will yet confirm its status as the

Castigating Blair's role as a CND supporter was a pathetic descent into irrelevance

graveyard of political ambition. So much for one bench-mark test. What about the other? On the brink of office, the Labour Party should surely match the seriousness of the Defence Secretary. It has, after all, an old attitude to defence spending and a new attitude to budgetary strict-ness that should coincide in a commitment which does not fall behind that of the Major

irastically cut defence and is planning to cut it more, faced by a Labour Party which is not prepared to commit to a similar quantum of cuts, and puts itself behind language which implies that the cuts already made are mistaken. No where, in a Labour manifesto littered with promises of future study, does the concept of the "review" bury such a multitude of prevarications as it does in the field Mr Portillo

grapples with every day.

As a politician, Portillo is
not just unlucky but mept. His
interventions are marked by spectacular crudity, especially when directed at the Labour Party, Castigating Mr. Blair's antique role as a CND-supporter, as he did the other day, was a pathetic descent into ir-relevance. The party confer-ence performances are embar-rassing, the anti-Europe passions can reach the outer edge of dogma. But as a minister, Portillo repays study. Even on Europe, he wants to make the sums add up. He's had the sense to see that arms procurement must be Europe wide, and he is not consumed as Mrs Thatcher was, by fa-natical Atlanticism.

Away from Euro-neurosis he talks like an administra-tor and objective strategist. This does not help him in the fevered king-making that now passes for the politics of Conservatism. But others is more like double that. Trea-sury perceptions are still that tablishment are mobilised to the MoD is extravagant and fight the impending national it. The rightist claque is liming calculated obscurity, not to

say its rock-ribbed conservatism. What it wanted to emphasise last week about its
promised defence review is
that this "is not a device by
which to make cuts in defence
spending". It criticised the
job-losses involved in the Tory
cuts. It could not encede even cuts. It could not concede even by a word that, following the review, further cuts might be destrable. The extraordinary spectacle emerges of a Tory government that has already leavest the could be considered.



George Monbiot

AST week a boring-look-AST week a boring-looking document found its way to my desk. It was a confidential report from Oxford City Council's Director of Property and Leisure Services, addressed to various committees. It said that, on Wadnesday June 28, the plan. Wednesday June 28, the planning committee had resolved to approve an application for a leisure complex Nothing out of the ordinary, you might think — but the report was circulated on Tuesday June

Had the council employed Mystic Meg to assist in pre-paring its circulars? If so, she had rendered poor service— the planning meeting was postponed until Friday, June 28, when it made no decision. One embarrassed councillor said the report was "an ad-ministrative device". This

may be horribly true.

The council's apparent eagerness to approve a development which has attracted 1,289 objections and four com-mendations, which threatens to wreck the city's skyline and exacerbate its traffic problem, which has kindled the wrath of the Royal Fine Arts Commission and hostile publicity in the national media, may seem a little odd. Why should a purportedly neutral arbiter of the public good evince enm for a project which, at least in my view, manifestly fails to serve it? But the comcil's deportment, though rep-sebensible, is by no means unusual. All over the country, developments which seem to provide no lasting benefit for any but a few wall-furnished felines are fervently em-

braced. Why? There is no single answer, but the code which cracks the greater part of this riddle is could never have afforded". The Department of the Enviconficial suphemism and obfuscation: "planning gain". I think this is no more than and be bought and sold sound. legalised bribery.

Developers are entitled to ter scarcely a squeak in pro-nodify the plans they present fessional ears. If the local aumodify the plans they present to a local authority by introducing benefits to the community, such as a clump of affordable homes in the midst of an executive estate, or a new bus shelter outside a supermarket. Such "gains", which relate di-rectly to the original development, are largely unobjectionable; but increasingly developers have found that they can curry more favour by shifting the gain "offsite", of-fering to build a sports hall or Channel 4

roundsbout on the other side of town, if the council will allow them to build a super-store here. Often the offer of cash comes first, the decision about what to do with it, later It's hard to find a hig devel-opment in which offsite 'planning gains" do not feature. In Oxford, the leisure complex developer has agreed to spend £145,000 on roads and bridges and £135,000 on upgrading a distant swimming pool. In Plymouth, Sainsbury rewarded the local authority with nearly 25 million worth of developments, including a tourist information centre and birdwatchers' hide. In Stornoway, Safeway offered the Western Isles Island Council £375,000 for a sports ground. deals. Out of the public eye, our representatives are auc

tioning public interest to the highest bloder.
Planning is perceived as monumentally tedious. It is Was this a joke, like the old monumentally tedious. At a cone about the stolen results of the territory of bureaucrats and busybodies, nimbles and very nerhans more nearly than any other aspect of government, it prescribes both the control over and the quality of our existence. Planning is the means by which development (the force which shapes our lives) is brought to public account. When it fails, development ceases to work for the public good, and works instead for those who have money to make from it.

> HE results of our sys-tem's shortcomings are manifest all over the country. We are, as a nation, simultaneously over-developed and under-developed with too many superstores, office blocks, motorways and few affordable homes, community projects, urban green spaces and rural escape hatches. The abuse of plan-ning gain is not the only lever with which such decisionmaking is prised out of our hands, but it grows stronger every year.

The problem is hardly ame-liorated by central govern-ment. In 1991, Sir George Young then Minister for Planning, enthused that "a plan-ning gain would ... provide facilities that the public purse bold to the layman, but thority and the developer are both happy about the deal, the DoE will leave them alone. It will step in only if the devel-oper complains. The keys to the blood bank have been handed to the vampires. There is scarcely a more urgent task than to snatch them back.

George Monbiot sets out his land rights agends on if I Were Prime Minister on July 15 on

### As Tony Blair shrugs off suggestions that he is leading like a dictator, four 'agonisers and modernisers' from within the Labour Party tell it how it is

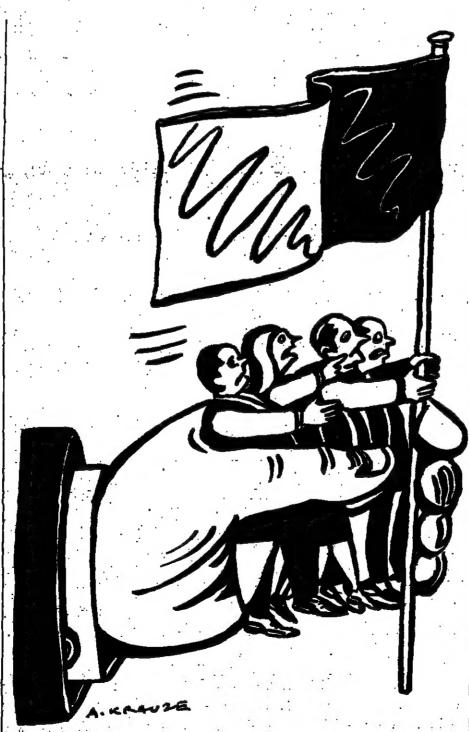
### Where there's a will

Tony Banks

MY starting point is clear. The Labour Party must win the next election. I also happen to believe that any Labour government is better than any Tory one. Not a highly principled statement, but were lit not true, there would be no point to my life. I have never known the Labour Party so committed to winning but this sees not con-stitute a licence to treat the rank and file with disdain. Regretiably, politics is a dirty business and our political enemies are as unprincipled as they are desperate, but all the more reason for party mem-bers to feel genuinely involved rather than mere receivers of orders. This is not a whings about bruised feelings but rather an obvious statement that loyalty is a two-way pro cess and goodwill not an infi-nite commodity. In politics, taking people with you is far shrewder than simply taking

prisoners. What I am hearing in the party is unease about style as much as content. This is not a cosmetic point. There are far too many policy changes origi-nating from frontbenchers in tight media corners with the result that the ground always seems to be moving beneath our feet. It is unnerving to discover what you thought to be a well-held policy being dumped or turned on its head. the point where you begin to believe the wildest newspaper stories. Such as Sunday's Ob-server headline ("Blair tight-ens his grip on Party"). I've been worrying ever since about which indictment is the more damaging and how many P45s would be involved. Perhaps the world no longer suits the cumbersome deci-sion-making of the Labour Party, but in the 80th anniversary week of the Somme I am not wildly enthusiastic about replacing them with the politi-cal equivalent of the officer blowing a whistle.

Tony Banks is Labour MP for Newham North West



Glenda Jackson

HE minority, for that is what it is, of those within the Labour movement voicing concerns over Tony Blair's ries. They have forgotten April 10, 1992. They have for-gotten the despair felt by every socialist who has been forced to face up to 17 years of Thatcherite vandalism. Worst of all, they have forgotten the hundreds of thousands of people waiting for hospital treatment, and the millions of unemployed who are praying for a Labour government. The Labour Party is not a

university debating society. It is preparing to govern our nation. That leaves no room for bruised egoes, and out-dated romanticism. Since John Prescott and Tony Blair embarked on the process of modernisation,

over 150,000 new members have joined the party. These are not people who have been swayed by warm words and soundbites. They are people who believe that the Labour Party offers them a better life. To talk of Tony Blair as a, "dictator", is political fan-tasy. Tony Blair was elected by almost 70 per cent of the Labour movement. Last year he was again re-elected, unap-

Some people are nervous about the pace of Tony Blair's modernisation but there is no one more nervous of the change in today's Labour Party than John Major. We are sick and thed of the Tories, and we are sick and tired of waking up the morning after a general election with nothing in the morning after a general election with nothing in the morning after a general election with nothing in the morning after a general election. with nothing but the memo-ries of a glorious yet unsuccessful campaign; and the prospect of five more years of Conservative government.
Feel for him though I did I am not prepared to be the Gareth Southgate of British politics. That's why Far gled to have Tony Blair as my

Glenda Jackson is Labou Glenda Jackson is Labour MP for Hampstead & Higherie

HERE'S a nice line in Dick Crossman's diary about a section of the Labour Party never being happy unless they can convince themselves that mined to apply these values radically in a tough world.

Anyone who is nostalgic for for the party leadership, Blair could not have been blunter when said that in all those lost

listen and respond. Blady is forcing the party to behave like a government with some line a government with some prospect of staying there has enough to be able to make us a more decent, dynamic and democratic society. The hopes that are raised have to be

certainly have ended badly, with a tenable policy that has some chance of ending wellperhaps unsettle some in the party, but it certainly terrifies the life out of the Tories.

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### Roy Hattersley

EVERY Labour leader I have known has tried to impose his will upon the Party. Usually the pressure has been applied with proper respect for grass roots opinion. We are now perilously near to regarding conflict with long-serving activists as a public relations bonus. Ined, the background brief ing to the devolution referendum decision included the confident prediction that the howis of anguish would play well in the home

When Labour is in government and the opinion polls swing against us, the men and women whose susceptibilities have been intentionally offended will be expected to rally round the flag. If, before the election, they are constantly disregarded, they may not respond to the call.

announce that, whatever the are strapped to his chestpolicy forums may decide, he was going to increase the basic pension and insist on genuine non-selective secondary education at time. But — instead of throughout the country, there would be no problem of Party morale. For he would be going with Labour's grain. Unfortunately, most of the democratic short cuts lead to policy changes which are profoundly painful to a majority of members who have been in the Party for more than a couple of years. Despite recent recruitment, they still form the core of active membership and they are beginning to fear that they are surplus to require-ments. Principle aside, caus-ing them continual offence is to risk a potentially destruptive eruption of resentment Large scale revolt has been avoided up to fish because win, but "Labour works best the Labour Party wants to when it is at peace with itwin. A party leader is like a self". He was right.

stretching loyalty to break-ing point — how much better to take the party with the leadership step by step. It is a slow and tedious process but it will give the next government the security that four years of ideological provoca-tion cannot provide. During our last talk together — a week or so before he died - I suggested to John Smith a number of constitutional changes - some of them a pale shadow of what has since been done. Putting their merits aside, John said that he could impose them on the Party

In the Labour Party, succeed bank robber whe stands in racy is acceptable in a good front of the safe displaying The Rt Hon Roy Hattersley is trying to tell us something and Dr Tony Wright is Labour MP cause. If Tony Blair were to the sticks of dynamite that Labour MP for Spurkbrook

with constant appeals to loy-

alty and the determination to

win, but "Labour works best

Tony Wright

they are being betrayed by their leaders. So what's new?
Well, what's new is that Labour has decided to be a lit is also the job of leaders to new kind of party with a new avoid the sort of theoherent kind of leader. Many of us policy fudges that brought were first attracted to Tony Labour so much grief in the Blair because he was both a past in the case of the current fundamentalist and a revision- devolution and, the test of ist, as every sensible socialist leadership was to have the should be rooted in the endur-tor values of the left but deter-ble policy that would almost old Labour policies should The truly alarming thing thing remember where the party about Blair's leadership so far has been for a lost generation is that he has hardly put a — and why. In his manifesto political foot wrong. This may

that the time had come to for Cannock & Burntmood

**Leo Nichols** 

## A consul in Greeneland

consul aged 65, remain unex-plained, but he was certainly a victim of cynical Burmese Half Burmese, part English,

part Greek, with, for good measure, some Armenian blood, he was born and brought up in Rangoon into a shipping family, and educated in Darjeeling. When General Ne Win came to power in 1962, the Nichols family's property and possessions were expropriated, and it was then that Nichols took up his position as honorary consul for the Scandinavian Universally known as "Uncle Leo", he was famous for being one of the liveliest characters and most unstoppable talkers in Rangoon.

In all that has been written about Burma in recent months, little conveys a sense of the sheer weirdness of the place, or helps explain how Leo Nichols could have met his fate. You need a Graham Greene to capture the mixture of capriciousness and brutality, irrationality and cunning that makes the Burmese junta one of the most genuinely frightening govern-ments in the world. Greene did this for the Haiti of Papa Doc in his novel The Comedions, and Burma has something in common with that other area of darkness.

I was last in Rangoon five years ago. It was an eerie ex-perience. On a previous visit, just before the abortive democratic uprising of 1968, it was impossible to move about without being engaged by

surrounding the death in a Burmese prison of Leo Nichols, an honorary ged 65, remain unexbut he was certainly of cynical Burmese part English. bly, for no one dares talk to a

> ence of being followed every-where by agents of the ubiquitous MI (Military Intelligence). The great thing about these men was that they were evidently bored with their work, and pining for conversation. They always ended up by realing and property and the property of the conversation of the conversatio ways ended up by making an excuse to introduce themselves. One even went so far as to ask for a tutorial on English literature.
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> I longed for genuine convergetions with Summer Convergetions with Summer Convergetions and Summer Convergetions on the decided of the convergetions of th

sations with Burmese, but de-spaired of finding anyone bold enough to speak out. It was through the good offices of the British ambassador that I met Nichols. He loved talking to foreigners, and had connections with other countries rare in present-day

stroke. The funeral was held at Saw Ba Gyi Christian Cem-He had a fine collection of vintage motor cars. He buried one (said to be a Bugatti) at Pagan in order to preserve it for posterity. He had sometimes been on precariously friendly terms with the regime, sometimes severely out of favour — and had been under detention at least twice since 1962 when General Ne Win took over. Nichols was a brilliant man, and seemed to be one of nature's survivors. He was also known for his charitable activities among Catholics, Muslims and Bud-dhists. He helped support

the authorities the chance to claim he did not die in prison. many destitute children and old people. He was a friend of There is no need to point the finger, or to mention that the distinction between killing and letting die sometimes carries no moral weight. Whether Nichols died by direct decision of the junta or reckless brutality does not matter. He died purely be-cause he was a friend of Suu

Kyi, and as a warning to her. Having abandoned social-ism, the Burmese army now stands for nothing except itself. "Uncle Leo" was a small, remote threat to all this. But in what other country can you end up on Death Row for possessing an unlicensed fax machine? He is survived by his wife. Felicity, two sons

Aung San Suu Kyi, the Nobel Peace Prize winner and Burnese opposition leader. When

tried to smuggle food to Sua

that any of it got to her. When she was released from house

from going by train to Manda-lay to testify on behalf of two

comedians imprisoned for

satirising the government, he lent her his car.

Nichols was arrested in

April, and a month ago sen-

enced to three years impris

omment for possessing "an unitcensed fax machine". He

was incarcerated in Insein jail, which has a reputation

etery the next day. The mili-tary warned his family and

from high blood pressure,

housekeeper to take in the

medication necessary for his condition until a few weeks

ago, when they suddenly withdrew permission. In the last hour of his life he was

transferred to hospital, giving

James Leander "Leo" Nichols honorary consul, born June 8 1931; died June 22, 1996

At least one play he wrote, The Twelfih Man, about how the 1930s generation of Cam-

bridge intellectuals were se-duced by Stalinism, was as good as anything by his

A quarter century's hard drinking destroyed Gray's

handsome, athletic body.

Friends begged him to stop and a move back to London

this year seemed to bode well.

this year seemed to bode well. He was in fine form at a friend's party last week but collapsed shortly after and died without regaining consciousness. A talent has been lost that still had immense potential and promise if it had been allowed a second stab at chasing the dragon of success and public, as well as private, acclaim.

Piers Gray, critic and writer, born

May 26, 1947; died June 26, 1996

brother, Simon.



Fast talker . . . Leo Nichols, an umusual character in Rangoon

IERS GRAY, who has honed his detached view of the died aged 49, was one of world and won him many friends who came to dominate

writers to emerge from Ox-bridge in the late 1960s. Al-though he never became as travel and drink, and a disdain

**Bright talent in exile** 

for the London literary scene

led him to take a post in 1977

as a lecturer in Hong Kong. There, for almost two de-

ades, Gray educated and in-

formed a large number of visi-

tors about the dynamism of

Hong Kong and the rise of new powers and forces in Asia. He had no illusions about the tyr-

anny that Chinese commu-nism would visit on Hong

Kong. His wrath at the incom-

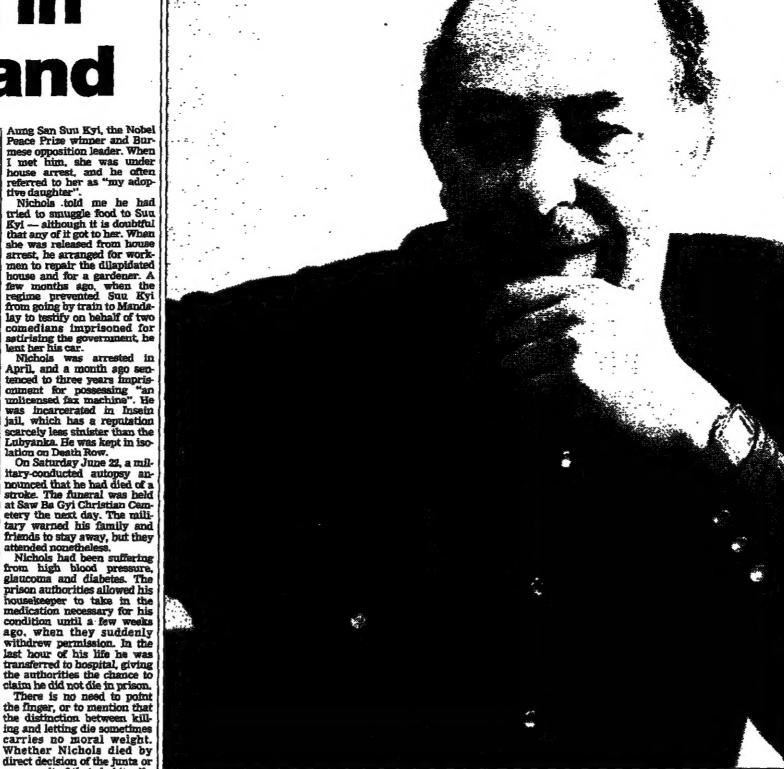
petence of Margaret Thatcher's negotiations with

Deng Xiao Ping over Hong Kong's return to China, was,

alas, never turned into a

chronicle that might have revealed the shabbiness of the

government's approach to Hong Kong and China during



Intimidating talent . . . in both drama and comedy, Alfred Marks's expression remained atomy

#### Alfred Marks

### Joker with a hard face

warmed to him on first acquaintance, and even afterwards tended to call him Mr Marks rather than Alfred, simply because he looked and sounded intimidating. It was true that his imposing height, stony face, tight lips, baldness and deep cockney voice suggested a gangster rather than a comedian, but he built a career as funny man and straight actor by using this fact rather than being de-

feated by it. His most recent West End ppearance was in Mind Millie For Me, also starring Felicity Kendal, but he had to withdraw earlier this year with the onset of his illness.

Marks was born in Petti-coat Lane, near the East End street market in which the gift of the gab was necessary. He staged his first one-man entertainments in the family tenement at seven, charging cigarette cards or gob-stoppers for admission.

At 14, he worked part-time as the youngest barrow sales-man. He trained to be an engi-neer, but volunteered for the RAF when the war came, staying in for five years, four of them abroad. While in Italy he wangled some operatic training, less in the expectation of being an opera singer than because he saw it as a chance to learn stagecraft. His training as a stand-up

LFRED MARKS, who to see the naked girls and the sarily comic. But he continuous down at times when there has died of lung cancer aged 75, used to the audience occupied while sometimes at the London Palasy that people never the tableaux were changed. Isdium. He was proud that he always sounded the better for Marks claimed the Windmill toughened him and inured him to disaster. He stayed there two years, playing six shows a day and writing his

> When doing the first of many seaside summer seasons he met the comedienne Paddle O'Neil, whom he later married. They had a daughter and a son. His first TV series. Don't Look Now, came in 1947; his Alfred Marks Time ran for more than five years. On the radio, too, he became well-known, chiefly as one of the panel of aggressive comics. including Jimmy Edwards and Ted Ray, who weekly tried to upstage one another in *Does The Team Think?* Much earlier in his career

> he was a regular performer of musicals such as Where the Rainbow Ends, High Button then he sighed for more dra-matic roles. A cricket ball had split a front tooth when he was nine, and this caused him to compress his mouth to avoid it being seen: the habit continued and gave him the hard expression that proved

It was Lindsay Anderson who gave him new impetus by casting him in his production of Herr Biedermann and the Fire Raisers at the Royal Court Theatre. His The Un-shaven Cheek at the Edincomedian came after the war burgh Festival set the seal on at the Windmill Theatre, him as a performer whose where the audience had come threatening air was not neces.

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rangement like this. Kids who do too little will

contracts and keep on

jeopardise it as well. Some parties will probably

have to set aside their broken

fighting. Naturally, if either side vi-

once came to a panto in Birmingham direct from Oedipus at Chichester. He also became a reliable villain in British films including The Fright-

ened City (1962). Though maintaining that comedy was more tiring than drama, and resisting overlong runs, he did more than two years in Spring and Port Wine. Despite being, privately, a man who made pets of stray dogs, and who ex-plained that his love of shoot-ing did not extend to any living things, it was his stony aggression in either drams or telling a joke for which he will be most remembered.

all the things you can say about Alfred Marks - actor, raconteur, sometime radio comedian - there was one field in which he had no peer, he was the greatest teller of Jew-ish stories in Britain.

He could use a Yiddish accent that was so authentic it never sounded like a carica-ture — which was the princi-pal reason why for decades he was the popular choice to entertain the veterans attending the annual reunion of the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women. The stories tumbled out of him

his telling - like the one of the bearded Hassidic gentleman in long coat and broad hat who was sitting comfort ably in a railway carriage. The guard politely told him to go elsewhere - the seat was reserved for the Archbishop of Canterbury. "So how do you know." asked the man.
"Tm not the Archbishop of Canterbury?" Then there was the little chap in a cinema queue faced with a giant treading heavily on his foot. "Mister," he asks querulously,

or for a joke?" "I'm serious," said the giant. "Oh, that's all right then — because that sort of joke I don't like."

Jewish audiences had some idea of what they were getting from his early radio appear ances. One of the stock characters he portrayed was a certain Professor Shmendrik.

"are you doing that on purpose

Shmendrik is Yiddish for fool There was one Jewish suc ess that was denied to him. He played Tevya in provincial versions of Fiddler on the Roof. But a sensational West End appearance eluded him. We were once standing together in a canteen queue; he was bearded for his Fiddler role and no one recognised him. "What do you have to do in this business to get people to want you?" he asked dejectedly.

Alfred Marks, actor, born January 28, 1921; died July 1, 1896

Dutch HQ. just told the English man there that I was from the English camp, on a spying mission For Terry Venables. "Go right ahead

mate" he says, "and tell Terry

to keep a good eye on that Iceberg fella." At the door of the Italian dressing room, after they had been dumped

out of the tournament, I also

#### Letters

Nicholas Taylor writes: In Laurence Marks's obituary (May 27) William Millinship referred to "an unhappy spell at the Sunday Times". In fact, in 1967, Laurence was very happy there, editing the Spectrum pages. What was unhappy, although entirely to his credit, was the manner in which he left. In the rush one Saturday, a Spectrum article was passed which contained a serious libel. It was not mali-cious and Harold Evans, as editor, persuaded the victim to accept an apology. But Marks was so ashamed of this single isolated ineptness that he resigned. We young journalists were devastated but the Observer soon snapped the up the observer soon snapped. him up. I have always remembered it as the quixotic act of a man of integrity, utterly remote from the usual Fleet Street self-promotion.

J Kame writes: In your obitu-ary of Thomas Kuhn (June 25), paradigms are described as baving procedural frameworks tailored to the needs of problem-solving activities. For Kuhn, science was primarily a puzzle-solving activity. This may seem to be a trivial distinction, but the difference was one of the main points of disagreement be-tween Kuhn and Popper.

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like to reassure readers of the obituary of Lord Tweedsmuir (June 25) that British Schools Exploring Society expeditions do not involve "fishing, shooting and falconry". Minimal impact camping is practised, transport in the field is by foot, kayak or canoe, and scientific projects very rarely include any destructive

Tudor Miles writes: After reading the obituary (June 4) of statistician Sir Harry Campion, I recall what a colleague of mine, the late Harry Fisher, who was in the wartime Cabinet Office, told me about the circumstances of Campion's replacement of Francis Hemming. Professor Lindemann (Lord Cherwell) was a loose cannon in the wartime Office. He liked to rewrite the draft minutes of meetings including those he had not himself attended. After one exasperating session, Hemming sent a memo to the Prime Minister saying that he considered that meetings' minutes should record what occurred and not what Professor Lindemann thought ought to have been said. Churchill's humour did not extend to allowing his favourite adviser to be derogated. Hemming was banished from Whitehall to be a civil defence regional officer in the west.

My own limited impression

of Camplon in the postwar Statistical Service and at Royal Statistical Society meetings was of a man of wit, if sometimes taciturn.

### Birthdays

Lord Beloff, historian, 83: Kenneth Clarke MP, Chancel lor of the Exchequer, 56, Mary Craig, writer and broadcaster. 68; Jerry Hall, model, 40; Rene Lacoste, former Wimbledon men's champion, 91; Eva Lambert, artist, 61; Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, 89; Carlos Menem, president of Argentina, 61; Lord (David) Owen, 58; Lord Sieff of Brimpton, president, Marks & Spencer, 83; George Simpson, chief executive, Lucas Industries, 44; Dr Maurice Slevin. oncologist 47: Ann Taylor MP, shadow Leader of the Com-mons, 49; John Timpson, broadcaster, 68.

#### **Death Notices**

ICMESCU: George Chibs, Emerius Prolessor of Government, University of Manchesler, founder and Editor of Government enter, founder and Editor of Government enter Opposition, aged 83 years, in Highgala, London, on 28 June, Funstal an Manchesler, on Thurndley, of July, Regular Manchesler, Order of Thurndley, of July, Regular Manchesler, Variety Street, Males Plating, Alanchesler, Followed by hurial at the Southern Cemelery Flowers and enquiries to Kannedy's Funeral Service, 156 Ordnam Road, New Cross, Manchesler, Manche

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### Jackdaw

Piers Gray

famous as Ackroyd, Amis,

Barnes, Rushdie and the rest

of his contemporaries, Gray

shared their genius but lacked

Witty and charming, espe-

cially as a drinking compan-

ion, most of his career was

spent teaching English litera-ture in Hong Kong, His pub-lished work was slender. A

doctoral thesis on TS Eliot

was turned into a monograph.

the first to discuss Eliot's anti-

semitism, and a book of criti-cism of first world war poets

showed a light, tight, thought-

brother. Simon, the play-

wright, after schooldays in

Gray arrived here with his

ism of Canada and Quebec the 1980s.

their discipline.

ful touch.



#### Out with it

OKAY, enough with the patriarchial crap that we see in movies. Enough with the secondary, one-dimensional, sex object that a woman is converted to in films, televi-sion and the mass media. Enough with the sex scenes in which the full-frontal nude woman is brought to climax within seconds while we never see the male without his underwear on!

The depraved ramblings of Joe Ezsterhas must vanish and we must see the revolution of the penis in film! Yes, that's right, the penis. We should not be afraid of it. It exists. It is part of the male human anatomy. Yet, in our male dominated society, it is ignored and shunned as if the penis is some mythical taboo only spoken of behind closed

doors. Why should we be straid of why should we ignore its existence? Why should a penis be deemed indecent? If a film contains a penis, it is automatically slapped with a NC-17 or X rating. I entreat the MPAA to explain to me the MPAA to explain to me what is so obscene about something as harmless as a penis. I call for a penis revo-lution in which we demand the truth! Write to your studio and demand that up-coming films feature a penis

If we can feature a vagina. if we can pay \$12 million to Demi Moore to reveal her tits, surely we can pay \$12 million to Brad Pitt to show off his penis! Until we see the penis regularly in mainstream cinema, the world will continue to live in a puritanical age of denial. In order for the human species to advance, we MUST showcase the penis and let the world know that it IS there. The

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penis must be as instantly recognizable as the Beatles! It MUST become a household

Write to your studios and works, DEMAND that they stop hiding the truth. The penis is as universal as the hot dog and, hell, aside from the occasional urination or ejaculation, the two objects are essentially the same

So I entreat you! Join me and send the letters! Let us make the world aware of the penis before it's too late! Edward Champion defends the organ in The Penis in Cinema which is currently running on the recarts movies production newsgroup on usenet.

### Family deal

SO, FAMILY members need to think through their own notions about children and culture. How much power and control are the elders willing to cede? A parent would spell out how much TV or online time he finds appro-priate and define what else is expected from the child: do-

mestic chores, school performance, religious obligations The child would spell out what access to culture she wants: which TV shows. which CDs, how much time online. And she has to specify what she's willing to do in exchange. She must agree to follow rules of safety: not giving out telephone numbers of home addresses to strangers

online, and telling parents about "pornographic" con-tacts, such as files with sex-ual contact. Media access is granted as a right, but it's subject to some conditions. There would probably be as

many different kinds of con-tracts as there are families. But if children meet their end of the Social Contract, then the parents would concede that their children have a moral right to access the TV programs they want, the CDs they want to hear, the online services they want to choose and can afford. Families could begin to rely on trust, negotiation and communica tion rather than phobias.

conflict and suspicion.

It has to be a good faith

contract. Parents who ask too

olates its agreement — if kids fail in school, harm other people, start drinking heavily—then the contract is null and void. Children who can't or won't behave rationally forfeit the right to rational understandings and will return themselves to a right of diminished freedom. But millions of American kids who can handle a racy

chat room or an episode of NYPD Blue won't be denied cultural freedom because of their parents' fears. Jon Kotz in the American Wired magazine calls for a Lockean based Social Contract with children over their online

### Camp follower

"HI, COM' here, where do you think you're goin?"

I looked back at the man with the broad Clare accent. I knew I'd have to play it cute here. "No habla angalis Senor?". I ventured.

"Wha?"he roared, "babla this sonny, you're not comin in". Just my luck I thought, the security guard at the English team's headquarters was Irish, I'll never hoodwink him. It would be a pity as I'd gotten through all the other security cordons posing as various different people. I had no problem at the

Wired . . . online contract

got past the security man eas-ily enough. I told him I was from the mafia, here to shoot the coach. "Do you need bullets?" he kindly asked. I got into the Scottish training camp by telling the security there that I could score goals. They told me not to move and

sent for the manager. The Russians also posed no prob-lem: "Tell the lads I've brought the Huzzar and Smir noff". The English had just beaten the Dutch 4-1, I had to get in here and sense the mood and get a few quotes. But this Clare man wasn't budging. I tried the usual dropped a twenty on the ground "If purity metals." ground. "If you're going to drop money". says he, "drop a lot more than that, sedor". That wasn't working either. I

said I'd try plan B. "Jaysus. señor, ye were very unlucky against Limerick!" He nearly collapsed.

"Holy God, we were, we blew it sure. We had it sown up." Then he looked me straight in the eye. "How could you know about that now, and you being a Spaniard." I hadn't thought about that one. I had to think quick. "Oh. señor, the Clare Hurlers, they are famous even in Spain. We follow the, how Spain. We tollow the, now you say, the hurling and foot-ball." He thought about that for a moment. "Jaysus, that's something isn't it?" He was opening the gate and letting me in at the same time. "If anyone asks, I didn't let you in." Us Irish are everywhere. A fournalist for the Irish Globe gives an insight in back-door dealing at the European

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## Finance Guardian

Town and country share Clarks and Escom misery

Bleak future . . . staff leave the company's factory in Chard, Somerset, amid job fears generated by a wave of plant closures



# Closures cost 2,000 jobs

LMOST 2,000 jobs were lost yesterday when shoe com-pany C&J Clark innounced three factory closures and com-puter retailer Escom shut 65

The shoemaking jobs cut by privately owned Clarks were in predominantly rural areas with little alternative manu-

facturing employment.

"Nothing surprises us any more," said John Res, district secretary of the National Union of Entwear, Footwear and Apparel Trades, based in Street, Somerset. "A lot of years is not unusual."

Number of jobs jost as factories close.

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Bright past: . . Clarks shoe workers in their heyday

Union of Knitwear, Footwear and Apparel Trades, based in Street, Somerset. "A lot of outh factory, opened in 1958, these people have worked for and at the Shepton Mallet Clarks for a long time — 40 base, which began producing saized on by the Labour Party shoes in 1946, were "gutted"

to counter government claim of improving economic condi-Clarks factory closures "Only days ago, Ken Clarke was trumpeting Tory suc-cesses. Today, another 1,400 families have fallen victim to Tory economic incompetence," said Labour's employment spokesman Ian McCart-400 ney. He also criticised the

> But Clarks' new chief executive, Tim Parker, who was recruited from Kenwood last September, said: "These changes are designed to strengthen and develop Clark's worldwide business. Although most regrettable, The company will continue to employ almost 13,000 people the management team at in its seven UK factoric Clark has taken this action to 600-strong retail chain.

shoe company's management, calling on Clarks to reconsid-

#### Exchange faces 'reality' with business plan

HE London Stock Exchange insisted | streamlines its operations and cuts out a yesterday that it has woken up to com-mercial reality. It has published a "medium-term business plan" to prove as much, writes Paul Murphy. Over the next two and a half years, the

central equity authority for share trading will chop another third of its workforce, bring the head count down to 550 against more than 2,000 three years ago.

The incentive has been the loss of the exchange's role in settling share transactions, with the new Crest system, developed by the Bank of England and owned by a range of stockbroking firms, taking over from the exchange-run Talisman as of

next month.

Aside from those employees currently working on the doomed Talisman service, another 120 jobs will go as the exchange

number of layers of management. It is siming to cut costs to match projected revcost base which officials insist will post-tion it "as one of the lowest-cost exchanges in the world for the size of its markets".

Yesterday, Fields Wicker-Murin, the ex-change's director of strategy and finance, presented a "rigorous" review which should set the exchange's course "for the

next three or four years".
"We will be a smaller, flatter, more outwardly-focused company," she said. A series of business targets have been introduced, such as the exchange aiming to retain at least 90 per cent of worldwide trading in UK equities and attracting listings from 95 per cent of British companies

reverse the decline in the | A spokesman said the reor-firm's performance over a ganisation of production firm's performance over a number of years." should result in factories op-Mr Parker was recruited by

erating at full capacity. It was the company to restore profitnot aimed at reducing total ability and bring it to the production, although Clark stock market. Family sharewill reduce its ranges, conholders originally decided that should be no later than centrating on the most popu-1998, but the company admit-ted last year that the deadline

lar designs.

Meanwhile, cutthroat conditions in the personal computer market have forced the German computer manufacturer and retailer Escom to close 65 stores with the loss of 227 jobs. The sites were for-mer Rumbelows outlets, acfurther 410 jobs will go at the mer Rumbelows outlets, ac-Street headquarters and at quired from Thorn EMI last the remainder after a year.

These latest closures mean that Escom has abut more than half the sites bought from Thorn. Including its small chain of shops owned before the Rumbelows deal, the company is now left with

MR stones Sara McKee, marketing director, said the closures were designed to cut out ovariap in the company's geographical coverage. It intended to invest in new sites in areas where it currently has no presence.

One employee said that staff were greeted yesterday morning by Group 4 security year. On acquisition, Escom staff who demanded shop a year — for purposes other immediately closed 80 of the keys before telling them to at than building the strength of sites, 60 of which have now tend regional meetings at been sold, and plan to review which redundancies were

#### Notebook

### Wolfensohn leads from the front



Alex Brummer

HESE are heady days for James Wolfensohn, Pres-ident of the World Bank. For the first time in more than a decade the Bank, perceived as an ineffectual. under-performing and drift-ing institution, is being cred-ited with leading the global economic agenda.

Indeed, it was the Bank's plans, for relieving the most highly indebted, poorest countries of their burden. countries of their burden, which topped the bill at the G7 summit in Lyon.

Ideally Mr Wolfensohn, who was in London yesterday for a series of briefings for leading parliamentary figures including Tony Blair, would have been able to report that the debt plan was now off the drawing board and moving towards reality it was moved eligible. nately it was moved slightly off course by the reluctance of the German government to allow the sale of International Monetary Fund gold, which would have formed an impor-

But he refuses to be disap-pointed by this, or the deci-sion by the IMF to the its contribution to the debt relief fund to its own plans to fi-nance the Fund's concessional loan arm. "It's Michel's problem," he says of the di-lemma faced by the IMF's managing director Michel Camdessus. "He pushed the issue as far as he could," and goes on to pronounce his gratititude for Bank/IMF co-op-

The refuses to join in the criticism of some Bank officials and debt experts who have questioned the IMFs commitment on the matter. Mr Wolfensohn is not in

get support for the Bank side," he says during a breakfast conversation at a discreet Knightsbridge hotel. He notes that the Bank has won uncondittional support for making \$500 million (£333 million) available for debt reduction among the poorest countries immediately and, if neces-sary, \$2 billion over six years.

WHEREAS Mr Wolfan-sohn's predecessors seemed unprepared to use the Bank's surpluses running at around \$1.9 billion a resource for global use. In addition to the funds to

be spent on relieving the debt of the poorest countries he is also proposing to use \$600 million of the surplus as a contribution to the International Development Association, which makes soft loans to poor countries.

Other surplus fund money will be used to back Bank work in places such as Bosnia and Gaza as well as lowering interest charges.

the Bank has shied away from redistributing its surpluses in such ways because of concerns that it might undermine its "triple A" rating on the credit markets, seen as essential to the globe's biggest

But Mr Wolfensohn is dis-missive of this, noting the Bank's "very strong capital," including \$120 billion of uncalled resources. In fact, al-though the Wolfensohn period at the Bank has been seen as notable for its work in relieving the difficulties of the poorest countries, the president also has been con-cerned to put its finances on more of a market footing. He takes pride in the fact that it is under his regime that countries have earned that countries have earned the right to borrow from the World Bank in a single cur-rency at a half point over in-terbank rates, rather than in multi-currency packages. 'Latin American borrowers have dollar based economies," he says, noting that it makes "no sense for them to borrow in Swiss france or Deutschmarks." As part of this new approach the Boat this new approach the Bank is proposing to awitch as much as \$100 billion of multicurrency debt, into single currency over the next two years

MONG the reasons that Mr Wolfensohn has Absen able to set about change at the Bank is that he has brought some of his strongest critics on board, the non-governmental organisations such as Oxfam which over recent years have been harsh

if that is what clients want.

He has expended an enormous effort reaching out to NGOs, green and women's lobbies. At present the Bank is engaged in an audit of all its committed loans, which are being reassessed with regard to their contribution to the environment and women in development as well as fi-

Lisson with the NGOs has countries in which the Bank is involved, including 15 out of 25 in Africa and he has visited several of these countrie and is now suggesting that senior managers like himself spend more time in rural communities living in the same conditions as those the Bank seeks to alleviate. if there is an Achilles heel

uncompromising management style, puncturing com-placency in the bank's bureaucracy by forming an inner cabinet of five managhe rules. He plans to impose a five and 10-year strategic plan on the institution.

He has sought to bring into this framework semi-indepen-dent agencies like the Inter-national Finance Corporation, the Bank's private sector arm, which previously had free rein.

The autocratic style does not always please: his choice as number two, former UK treasury official Rachel Lomax, is already on her way to a new job in the Welsh Office, her own country of sorts. The NGOs may have been nursed along but the Bank's staff is learning that safe bureaunterest charges. | cratic assumptions are under Under previous leadership | constant challenge.

### Dassault bows | Factory output begins to rebound to French state merger plan

ruary by President Jacques Chirac that it was in the coun-

try's - and Europe's - inter-

est to unite with Aerospatiale, which produces the Airbus

Negotiations were difficult

because Mr Dassault, whose

company employs 9,300 workers, refused to talk to officials

from Aerospatiale, which has a staff of 38,000. Special gov-

ernment representatives had

to be appointed, and threats were made of nationalisation.

minister, reminded the reluc-tant Mr Dassault, whose com-

pany is 45 per cent owned by

the state after a 1983 deal with

the Socialist government, that

the French air force was his

biggest customer.
This was interpreted as an

implied threat to the compa-

requirements for 45 per cent

of its sales, compared with

25 per cent for Aerospatiale.

Mr Dassault appears to have

capitulated after a Belgian

court issued an international arrest warrant against him.

and military helicopters.

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Paul Webster

FTER more than four months of high-level pressure and -threats, Dassault Aviation, maker of the Mirage fighter bomber, has agreed to merge with state-owned Aerospatiale to create Europe's second-big-gest aircraft builder, after Britain's GEC.

Alain Juppe, the French prime minister, last night announced that opposition to a joint company from the Dassault chairman, Serge Dassault, had been overcome and the new group would be operational from next year. The French government -

keen to promote an effective rival to US and UK aerospace groups — wanted retain control through a majority stake in the merged business but was keen that the merger terms permit a public offering as soon as possible, Mr Juppé's office said. Reports suggest that Dassault shareholders would have a 27 per cent stake.

Mr Dassault, who inherited

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BUOYANT high-street spending is beginning to trickle down into Britain's recession-racked the company in 1986 from his father, Marcel Dassault, a Gaullist MP, was told in Febmanufacturing sector, according to figures published yes-

> of decline, factory activity increased in June, according to the poll by the Charlered In-stitute of Purchasing and Sup-ply — with consumer goods producers leading the revival. Peter Thomson, director-general of the institute, welcomed the tentative signs of a rebound in manufacturing,

After six successive months

| but warned that suppliers had | not behind them yet — espe- | reported a 0.5 per cent rice in discounted heavily to fill out | cially those exporting to | price tags last month and a their order books.

would not be met.

Factories at Plymouth,

Shepton Mallet and Askam-

in-Furness will close, with the loss of almost 1,000 jobs. A

other offices around Europe.

in its seven UK factories and

Prices paid by purchasing managers dropped to their lowest level since the CIPS survey began in 1991 as suppliers competed for a new

City commentators gave a thumbs-up to the combina-tion of subdued cost pressures and beeffer output, but warned against premature predictions of an end to fac-Robert Barrie, chief economist at brokers BZW, said:

Europe."
Mr Barrie said, however, that firms selling to the home market had been able to shift goods from their warehouses

in June — with stocks registering the biggest fall for 1996. more than three years. Separate figures published yesterday suggested that growth in housing market confidence had belped keep consumer spending on the

The Halifax building society said house prices had jumped by 4 per cent in the "This is certainly a turning point — up to now it has been year to June, despite a 0.8- 1.1 per cent in J all bad news. But manufactur- point dip from May's bumper est monthly in ers' problems are certainly figure. The Nationwide September 1988. point - up to now it has been

A spokeman for the Halifax said the property market remained on a firmly upward trend, with prices on course

Bank of England money-sup ply data released yesterday suggested a rebound in highstreet activity last month after cold weather kept shop Notes and coins circulating in the economy - seen by

economists as a proxy for retail spending - rose by 1.1 per cent in June, the fast

### WH Smith closes book on boardroom link with founder

AN ERA ended at WH Smith yesterday when the newsagent and books chain announced that Philip Smith, the last remaining boardroom member of the group's ny's dependence on defence founding family; was standing down with immediate

WH Smith said that Mr Smith, aged 51, had decided to pursue interests outside the company after nine years as a non-executive director.

The move is the latest in a string of shake ups at the group over the past year Mr Smith's great-great- WH Smith in 1792. Starting when it was headed by which has seen the departure of chief executive Sir Henry Walton Smith, and the Grosvenor Street, Londal Malcolm Field, the appoint his wife Anna founded don, the company delivered family to take the helm.



"Today marks the end of an era, but I am sure the board and the management will ensure that the company continues to evolve and develop."

chain Do-It-All.



offices before rapidly growing into a national newspaper delivery business with the advance of the stagecoach. But it was under the next Smith - William Henry,

who gave the group its "WH" — that the business expanded most rapidly, as Britain's national railway network took shape. . .

In 1860, the group diver-sified into running lending libraries on station platforms, and by the turn of the 19th century had built up a network of some 1,240 bookstalls. It floated on the Stock Exchange in 1964

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#### MFI sales surge underpins hopes of housing recovery

Pauline Springett

URNITURE manufacturer and retailer MFI yestersumer confidence by reporting that its sales for the first nine weeks of the year were 15 per cent up on last year. Neither chairman Derek Hunt nor newly promoted

chief executive John Randall could readily account for the rise, and warned it was too soon to say whether the surge would last.

"We can speculate, but any-one can speculate," said Mr Randall, who was MFT's managing director until yester-

MFI shares rose 5p to close at 179p as analysis speculated that the trading figures reflected the start of a boom in house sales — people tradi-tionally order new kitchens and furniture when they move house.

The company pointed to a number of mitigating factors and insisted that its ambitious investment strategy would pay off.

Sales rose by 6.3 per cent to £766.2 million, giving a slight increase in sales per square foot, even though four new stores opened in Britain. There were also 24 new store in France, bringing the French chain to 86.

The company was hit by rising raw materials costs, which peaked last summer. Profits were also dented by two factors which arose from the company's investment programme — an increased depreciation charge and higher staff costs.

The investment programme meant that MFI's capital expenditure was 62 per cent higher than the previous year, at £59.6 million. It is planning to spend a similar amount this year.

MFI intends to revamo all But the rise in the share 184 of its UK stores to the price also indicated that the Homeworks format. Forty-City had given the MFI man-agement team the benefit of the doubt over the company's results. These were 12 per light and repositioning the cent worse than 1994, with main kitchen and furniture

**New foreign-owned mines** lead to regeneration and conflict for the host nations

### Zimbabwe awards itself platinum pass to prosperity

Michael Prest in Harare

IMBABWE is about to bring into production one of the world's biggest platinum mines, giving the country's struggling economy a shot in the arm and asserting its independence from the South African mining houses which have long dominated the

region.
The mine, named Hartley
Platinum, is expected to start and will quickly become Zimbabwe's biggest export revenue earner. With the start of a second round of economic liberalisation, the government and local businessmen hope that the mining development it will prove that Zimbabwe is safe for foreign investors.

Hartley is a joint venture between two Australian min-ing companies. BHP, which ing companies, BHP, which has 67 per cent of the project, Delta Gold. The partners expect to spend £170 million bringing the mine into production; this will be the biggest single project in the country since independence in 1980.

Although BHP is the senior partner and has borne the de-velopment costs so far, Hartley is a testament to the quiet persistence of Peter Vanderspuy, an Australian of South African origin. He has overcome suspicion of foreign investors, conventional wisdom that the deposit is impossible to work, and denigration by South African rivals, to come within an ace of seeing his

The mine is expected to produce 150,000 ounces of plati-num, 110,000 ounces of palladium and 11,500 ounces of over the past 20 years because they are the crucial ingred-ent in exhaust catalysts. Output will be refined in

Britain by Johnson Matthey and Inco, and will be wel-comed by industrial consum-ers who feel vulnerable to demands from the small group of mainly South African and Russian producers.

Production on this scale will make Hartley the biggest with make Harriey the biggest platinum mine outside South Africa and Russia. The mine's reserves, of 168 million tonnes of ore containing 14 million ounces of platinum, are expected to last at least 100 years.

Hartley will employ 2,700 people, of whom only a handful will be expatriates. The continued prominence of whites and expatriates in Zimbabwe's economy is a sen-sitive issue for the government, and Hartley is laying much emphasis on training and employing local people.

Lying in bushland about 50 miles east of Harare, Zimbabwe's capital, the mine will bus in workers from villages where homes are being built for them.

When production reaches expected levels. Hartley will contribute 40 per cent of Zimbabwe's export earnings from gold, 20 per cent of all mining export earnings, and 8 per cent of total export revenues. Palethorpe believes that the mine's cost will be among the lowest for platinum mines throughout the world.

The prospect of stiff competition is viewed with mixed feelings in South Africa, long the dominant force in platinum-related production.

The country's most impor-tant platinum mines, Impala and Rustenburg, although rhodium a year. These rare platinum group metals have become increasingly valuable grades and rising costs.



Fighting spirit . . . Ian Campbell and Ian Wright roll out the barrels from Macallan's still room, and (below) managing director Willie Phillips awaits his fate

# Whisky clan under siege

Japanese firm in joint bid for single-malt brand. Ian King reports

terday after High-land Distilleries, best known for its Famous Grouse brand, announced plans with Suntory, the Japa-ness whisky firm, to take con-trol of Macallan-Glenilvet. owner of The Macallan, one of Scotland's best-loved singlemalt whiskies.

Highland and Suntory have made a bid for the 49 per cent of Macalian they do not al-ready own, valuing the com-pany at £180 million.

A joint venture company, HS Distillers, would produce, market and distribute The Macallan, which holds third place in the single-mait market. In addition, Highland — which bought its 26 per cant stake in Macallan from the French group Remy Colo

French group Remy Cointreau six months ago would relocate its High Malt distilling operation from

Outlook

HEN Scottish & New-castle bought Cour-age from Foster's last

summer for £425 million, be-

coming Britain's biggest

Concerned at competition

in the sector, critics said any

merger benefits would be

swamped by the pressure

reorganisation costs. Courage

considerably ahead of

lan King

HE Scotch whisky Glasgow to Macallan's Spey-industry was poised side premises, resulting in for a shake-up yes-undisclosed number of job side premises, resulting in undisclosed number of job losses. Jobs would also go at Macallan's head office. Brian Ivory, Highland's

chief executive, said the deal would give Highland "wonderful coverage of Scotland's distilling areas", and pledged to increase The Macallan's sales "substantially".

He added: "We believe this

deal is good for Speyside, good for the Scotch whisky industry and good for Scotland."

Mr Ivory confirmed that Suntory, which has owned a 25 per cent stake in Macailan since 1986, had rejected an offer from Highland to buy its

The joint bid was received with thinly disguised fury by Macallan. Advice to shareholders will be issued after a board meeting today.

In particular, Macalian is angry that the deal was pitched at 1521 p a share, con-

siderably lower than yester day's market opening price. Macallan-Glenlivet shares closed down 29p at 158p last night, while Highland shares

night, while Highland shares closed 3p higher, at 374p.
Macallan-Glenlivet is one of Scotland's oldest and most respected whisky producers. Established in 1824, the company was listed on the Stock Exchange in 1968, and launched The Macallan in 1880 — the same year that Allan Shiach, the group's current chairman, took office

rent chairman, took office.

Mr Shiach, who is greatgrandson of the company's founder, is one of two families the other is the Harbinsons
 which still control an estimated 20 per cent of Macal-lan-Glenlivet shares.

However, City analysts said that, with Suntory and High-land already having a 51 per cent combined shareholding, the families would find it al-



### Australian aboriginals go along with RTZ's zinc extraction plan

MINERALS company RTZ is to push ahead with plans for the world's largest zinc mine after representatives of Australian aborigines voted narrowly in favour of a £30 million compensation package.
Their approval came

shortly before RTZ's dead-line of midnight on Sunday. after which time it was threatening to abandon the 2500 million investment. Tortuous negotiations be-

tween the aborigines of northern Queensland and RTZ's Australian sister, CRA, have been under way for months; Sunday's vote means that discussions will move on to land rights and other technical matters which must be resolved by RTZ's next deadline,

September 30.
At stake is the Century Zinc project for a mine in the Gulf of Carpentaria region, capable of producing half a million tons of

five times that amount.

Tied in with the Century scheme is the future of the Budel zinc smelter in Holland, which has contracted to take half the Century output. Should RTZ's zinc fail to arrive before June 1998, the Dutch government has said the smelter brewer, scaptics questioned the wisdom of the deal.

aborigines a £30 million package of training, business aid and employment measures. Yesterday it said it had written "as well as widespread informal advice" that "the project has

"an independent observer zinc a year, the equivalent of 8 per cent of world production. RTZ-CRA has al- board".

tive" exploration in the North

The proposed licensing

changes were prompted by a Department of Trade and In-dustry review of 115 "fallow

blocks" which were allocated

in previous licensing rounds

but had remained unexplored

He said 12 months' notice of

the round would be given, with the aim of closing it in autumn 1997. Similar annual

rounds would follow.

"This is not a Treasury-de-

termined solution but a view I take that in mature acreage

we need to increase turnover and availability of areas for seismic surveys and drilling." Mr Eggar said.

The changes would not af-fect the system used to allo-

are due to be allocated in the

next round of licensing.

or undeveloped.

### Eggar plans to accelerate North Sea oil exploration

**Celia Weston** 

on L companies will be told by the Government to de-velop North Sea exploration sites or surrender their rights to them, energy minister Tim

to them, energy minister Tim Eggar said yesterday. He outlined to a conference of industry leaders how the Government planned to accel-erate the pace of exploration. or undeveloped.

Mr Eggar said he was considering awarding licences for 20 to 30 blocks of the North Sea on the basis of competi-Oil companies would be put tive bids, which could include under pressure to develop sites or give them up. upfront payments, enhanced licence fees or royalty

"If a company wants new acreage, it is reasonable to expect it to explore, develop or relinquish its existing acre-The Government also intended to review licences more rigorously.

The proposed changes would mean that licences in so-called mature areas of the UK continental shelf were of shorter duration — three to six years — and awarded on the basis of competitive bids, fect the system used to ano-cate exploration and produc-tion rights in new or frontier areas such as the deeper waters of the Atlantic which introducing a cash element into the system and allowing smaller companies access.

Mr Eggar said he wanted a licensing system which en-couraged "rapid and innova-

ready spent £100 million and is prepared to invest

will have to close.

RTZ has offered the Gulf broad support from the

region's communities". The United Gulf Regional Aboriginal Corporation was reported to have voted interest payments but not the £150 million written off in by 12 to 11 in favour of the project, although dissenters claimed that it had been rejected by 15 to five. contributed nearly £37 million to profits in just 37 weeks Terry O'Shane said that if another vote had to be held.

expectations. The acquisition has not been painless. January saw the closures announced of Nottingham's Home brewery and the Webster's brewery in Halifax, with the loss of 1,600 jobs, while nine depots have also been closed.

The number of pubs man-aged by S&N has fallen from 1,942 to 1,897 during the year, while the group has let its number of tenancies fall from 1,002 to 781.

Mr Stewart rebuffed any suggestion that S&N is turning its back on the pubs trade, and pointed out that this apparent retrenchment has been forced on the company

Nicholas Bannister Technology Editor

HE battle for Britain's private phone users got under way in earnest vesterday when AT&T, the

largest and most powerful US telecommunications group.

launched a service aimed at the cream of British Tele-

com's residential subscribers.
The service, AT&T's first

incursion into the non-corpo-

rate market, is targeted at the

2.5 million BT and Mercury

customers who spend more than £100 a quarter, mainly

on long distance or interna-

tional calls.

by the competition authori- | and "Homespread", aimed at | to launch costs at a German ties, after the purchases of the Chef & Brewer chain and

Courage. continue its pubs investment programme, in particular at Chef & Brewer. Many of the

special discount packages. Carmen Casale, an AT&T

executive, said the group was cutting profit margins to

reduce charges. In addition, its residential operation had

been started from scratch and

so had no costly legacy sys-

tems or products.
The Cable Communications

Association yesterday said

signing up about 61,000 new

households a month, mostly from BT which has mounted a

high-profile campaign to win back customers.

Cable companies already

AT&T claimed it could offer have 1.5 million residential America, Europe, Asia, and customers savings of up to 40 customers and expect the Australia and New Zealand

the cable companies

That leaves leisure, where critics say S&N is too small

Buoyed by a sharp rise in profits at pubs it upgraded last year — at a cost of see million — S&N plans to fact that profits at Pontin's and Center Parcs have fallen. and where the group should optimistic, claiming that conpubs have been rebranded to sumer demand is reviving "Rat and Parrot", aimed at and that the dip in profits at

twenty and thirtysomethings | Center Parcs was mainly due Scottish & Newcastle

from rivals.

But chief executive Brian 1、100年間外面的政治 Stock market value £4.0bm Stewart yesterday pointed to Main activity: a 16 per cent jump in full year Pubs, brewing and leisure. pre-tax profits to £308.2 mil-lion in vindication. The figure takes account of Workforce 46.9 Pre-tax profit 163 Earnings per share 7.7 6.8 Operating profit, 1995-96

site. At least one more Center Parc will open in Britain, while the concept thrives on the Continent. Pontin's is also

showing recovery signs. S&N will continue to pump more than £10 million into sports sponsorships. The group sponsors Chelsea, Glasgow Rangers and Newcastle United, with which it is exploring the lucrative possibility of broadcasting matches to pubs and clubs. Like other drinks groups,

Like other drinks groups, S&N has "got wired", and runs numerous Internet pages dedicated to Newcastle Brown Ale — particularly popular in the United States where it sells the equivalent of 36 million bottles a year. S&N continues to support the Conservative Party to the tune of £50,000. According to Mr Stewart, the contribution reflects concern, not at Labour's minimum wage poli-cies, with which he claims to be "comfortable", but the party's stance on Scottish devolution. He is particularly un-happy with the tax raising

under Labour. Mr Stewart, who said he was unconvinced by Labour's "apparent switch" last week, said S&N worried that higher taxes north of the border will deter staff from wanting to be transferred there. It was a typically forthright

powers that an elected Scot-

tish parliament might hav

comment from a man who not only has defied his critics over the past year, but who has helped put S&N's shares on a higher rating than those of rivals Whitbread and

AT&T dials Britain's top talkers per cent on BT's basic call total to reach 2 million by the charges, before allowing for end of the year.

BT yesterday rejected CCA or a worldwide scheme offering their best call rates. Subscribers will pay a small scribers will pay a small quarterly charge to subscribe to any of the regional schemes and £5.99 before VAT for the global one. Subscrib-ers will have to dial 143 before

making a call in order to get it routed to AT&T's network. routed to AT&T's network.

The US group plans to introduce further residential services in the next few years, including multimedia products based on the Internet.

Mobile phone operator Vodafone said its UK subscriber base had risen by 106,000 to more than 2.5 million during the second quarter of 100s the second quarter of 1996. while subscribers in overseas markets had gone up by — 150,000 to 736,000

### BTR sells diesel division for £80m

BTR, the diversified industrial group, has sold its diesel enginemaking division. Lister Petter, to Schroder Ventures for making division. Lister-retter, to schroder ventures for \$50 million as part of its plan to refocus the group on industrial manufacturing. In meetings with analysts last week, BTR pledged to sell about 20 per cent of its non-core businesses in the current year. This latest deal brings gross sale proceeds to

Lister-Petter is based in Dursley. Gloucestershire, and has subsidiaries in the US and France as well as associate groups in South Africa and Colombia. — *Tony May* 

### Former Vulkan bosses sued

FOUR former senior managers at bankrupt German shipbuilder Bremer Vulkan are being sued for millions of marks in damages in an attempt to recover funds that went missing from the firm. Hans Janknecht, the public prosecutor in the north German city-state of Bremen, said the German security service BVS had filed the civil suits, seeking damages of nearly 10 million marks (£1.2 million) from each of the four men.

BVS has accused the former Bremer Vulkan managers of slphoning off more than 850 million marks in public funds earmarked to refurbish east German shipyards but used to cover losses at west German businesses instead. — Reuter

### Amstrad loss-makers split off

AMSTRAD, the computer group, moved a step closer to an agreed takeover by Psion after agreeing to split off its loss-making consumer electronics business. Shares in Psion rose 15 per cent on the news, which dispelled concern in the City that the highly-rated palm-top computer group would be saddled with having to sell off unwanted Amstrad businesses after the takeover.

Alan Sugar, the Amstrad chairman, said he was splitting that Alan Sugar, the Amstrad chairman, said he was splitting the consumer electronics business between Betacom, the consumer consumer electronics business between Betacom, the consumer telecoms company, which is 66 per cent owned by Amstrad, and a new, wholly owned subsidiary, Digicom Technology. The Amstrad, Sinclair and Fidelity brand names will be licensed to Betacom for audio, video and telecoms products. — Tony May

#### PFI accused of extravagance THE Government's Private Finance Initiative is suffering from

confusion, delay and unnecessary expense, and is failing to confusion, delay and unnecessary expense, and is failing to produce the promised boost to investment, the Adam Smith Institute says today. While strongly backing the principle of levering private sector cash into infrastructure projects, the free-market think-tank criticises the Treasury's handling of the PFI. The institute outlines a three-point plan to salvage the scheme. Responsibility for the PFI should be transferred to the Department for Trade and Industry, the number of bidders reduced to two or three to eliminate time wasting, and bidders' paperwork, which can at present include the brand of teaspoons to be used in hospital canteens, reduced. — Richard Thomas

### Thorn sells security stake

THORN EMI is selling its stake in Thorn Security Group to Tyco International for 260.6 million, ahead of its demerger in August. The music and electronics group will divest the 42.5 per cent of the security unit it still holds, redeeming in the process secured loans issued when it first sold a stake in the group to management in May 1994.

in May 1994.

Thorn will hook a one-off gain of £39.6 million from the transaction. Its European management and Hambro European Ventures hold the majority stake in the security business. — Bloomberg

### Philips cuts radio volume

PHILIPS Electronics has sold a majority stake in Philips Telecom PMR. its British-based private mobile radio unit, for £40 million to European venture capital company Cinven. The intention to self the stake was announced in April. The unit is based in Combridge. the stake was announced in April The unit is based in Cambridge and employs about 1.500 people worldwide.— Bloomberg

BT yesterday rejected CCA claims it was using "dirty tricks" to win people back. It said calls to ex-directory former customers stemmed from a "software glitch" by the agency which used its database to find the numbers of people who had switched to other operators.

A BT spokesman said of AT&T's new service: "The group is simply just another competitor, albeit the largest and most experienced we have faced so far."

have faced so far."
The AT&T service is based

on a standard call rate for

each of four different areas -

kalepo and

### Resurgent Gough raises the stakes

David Foot at New Road

TTH 10 minutes of the final hour left Darren Gough steamed in and en-trapped Alamgir Sheriyar. It was the 15th leg-before of the match and, for resurgent Yorkshire, the most impor-tant. This was their fifth championship win of the sea-son — and they are 19 points clear at the top:

Restored Test status is eluding Gough at the moment but it cannot be too far away. He was fizzing again at New Road last night, tight and at his boyish best. In 14 overs he took four for 27.

Worcestershire, who had contributed to an absorbing final day's play, were left to score 233. That was soon a lost cause as they found them-

By then Gough and the dis-tinctly talented Silverwood had taken two wickets each

After that it was a question of whether Worcestershire whether Worcestershire would hold out. They lacked Hick, after all, though he was spotted in the nets and generated one or two mild shafts of cynicism from the faithful who felt he was needed for more practical duties.

There were times, between the intermittent showers, when Worcestershire still looked capable of gaining a draw. The stand between Rhodes and Solanki was one reason. Yet Rhodes chose the wrong moment not to offer a

wrong moment not to offer a stroke to Stemp.

Solanki has recently been earning warm compliments. He has that innate Asian sup-pleness of wrist. His off-drives have a sweet, flamboyant flow

have a sweet, flamboyant flow about them; he also likes to delay before pulling with coordinated power.

It must be said that he is, too, a player liable to instigate heart conditions among his team's supporters. The most assiduous straight bat suddenly becomes an impulwhile Stemp, once resident at this ground, had been introduced wisely and in his first sive creature; he was out for

top-edged to close gully.
Yorkshire's bowlers were handled imaginatively and limited Worcestershire to only 121 runs. Stemp came on after 14 overs, kept a good length and found bounce, taking three for 32.

Barlier, when Yorkshire batted, the pitch indicated there might be problems shead. The first three wickets went in nine balls, two of them to the so-far modestly tested off-spinner Solanki Il-lingworth had a profitable spell and Church, a relative newcomer at this level, also gained reward.

Vaughan put on 106 for the Vaughan put on 106 for the first wicket with Moxon, who made 42, but was caught at third slip for 60. Bevan, out skying to mid-on when 57, moved things along with White, who made 65.

There is a sparkle back in Vorkehing's cuts as the Acad-

Yorkshire's eyes as the Academy graduates complement the older natives. Now it is a

Tour match: Glamorgan v Pakistanis

### Ata buoys his skipper

Mike Selvey at Pontypridd

ra stur

LAMORGAN have worked hard to gain their well-earned reputation for making touring teams feel welcome. So the borough council of Rhondda-Cynon-Taff, generous and willing hosts, who had coughed up £25,000 to bring the Pakistanis to Pontypridd

deserved better than a soggy finale to what had promised to be an entertaining day. After a start delayed by 15 minutes there was time for be unfazed by any of Allan seven overs, interrupted Lamb's pending tabloid revetwice more by heavy showers, lations. "I wish Lamby all the before the next reduced Ynys. angharad Park to a sea of mud. But it was long enough to assimilate the fact that the visitors should prove to be a tougher proposition to Eng-land than India have been.

a volatile concoction that can from Saeed Anwar and Inza-teeter between sublime and mam-ul-Haq on Sunday, and a for no apparent reason. But in England, in recent times, first with Imran Khan in charge and then Javed Miandad, they have emerged on top and they have emerged on top and the state of the third seamer Ata-ur-Rehman to show his skills and a masty lifter brought him the Wasim Akram's leedership they have a side that can match those performances.

The last six months or so, The last six months or so, particularly in the aftermath of the World Cup defeat by India, have been fough for Wasim. But he recognises the passion at home and understands. "They can take it a bit too seriously," he said yesterday. "The players tried their best. Sportsmen have to accept losing sometimes as part of the game."

of the game." He and his helpers appear to have turned things round. This is a happy, amenable side, on the ball in terms of public relations and likely to best," says Wasim with a

With contentment comes confidence and from that, performance. Wasim set out his intentions here straight away, fielding his strongest team in the opening match. ally been played on the wire. After the batting masterclass mediocre in a twinkling and 12 over burst from Washn and

wicket of Steve James.
"He bowls straight, hits the

# hopes

OT for the first time in Durham's short career at the bottom of the top level they had their parade precipitated upon yesterday when rain of Chestar la Street cost. them any chance of a first championship win of the season and rendered Satur-day's heroics with the bat no more than a lift to morale, inrites Chris Curtain.

Gloncestershire, set 395 to win, reached lunch on

Southend. Between other earlier showers the leftfrom a total of 167 for two before the weather finally

not a ball to Somerset — and had to listen as the seam," says Wasim "He'll bowl well in England." Tykes went top.

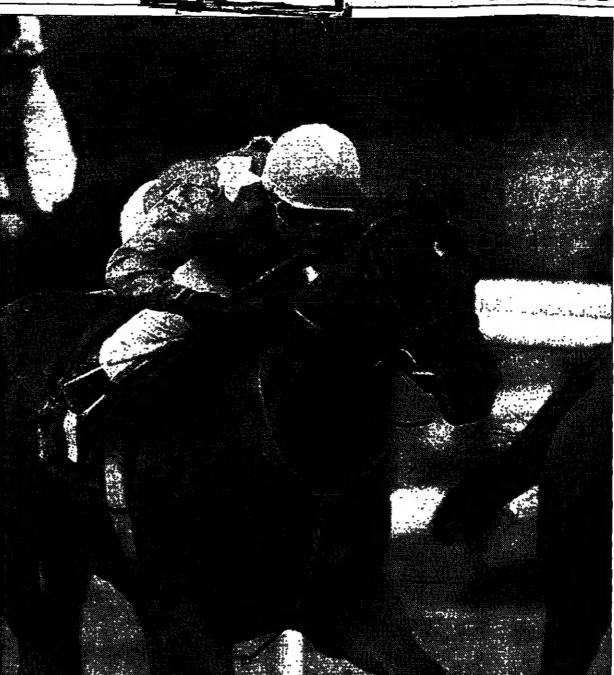


at Chester-le-Street cost

113 for two against a depleted but straining Dur-ham attack but little more was possible and the visi-tors ended on 150 for two. A torrential storm after tea robbed Mark Butcher of a possible fourth century of the season as Surrey and

Middlesex and Warwickshire played out a draw on a final day at Lord's which was heavily disrupted. It was worse at Old Trafford, where Lancashire bowled





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Scoreboard

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Racing Halling

5-1 for **Eclipse** repeat

Ron Cax

ODOLPHIN could be double-handed in their bid to win Saturday's Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown for the second year running. Halling will be out to repeat last season's win, and Charnwood Forest was an unex-pected name among yester day's confirmed entries.

A 5-1 shot with the race-

sponsors but only 3-1 with Hill's, Halling will be part-nered by John Reid. The presence of Pentire, the 5-2 favourite, means Halling will have more on his plate than when nar-rowly denying Singspiel last year. However Simon Crisford, racing manager to

Godolphin, reports Halling in peak trim.
"We hope and think that he's as good as he was at this time last year," said

Crisford yesterday.
"The intention is to try
Charnwood Forest over 10 furlongs eventually, but a decision about him will be made later this week. He is fit and ready to run, but the Sussex Stakes is the priority." Bijou d'Inde, one of three three-year-olds in the maxi-

mum 10-runner field, is geared up for the step up in distance according to trainer Mark Johnston.

"You can never be confident that a horse will stay but Bijou d'Inde is tough and he was running on strongly at Royal Ascot," said Johnston.

Bijon d'Inde is an 8-1 chance with Hill's, who offer Derby winner Shaamit at 11-2.

With the Epsom form in tatters, Shaamit has something to prove. Whether that will be on Saturday depends on a work-out under his big-race jockey Pat Eddery tomorrow.

Apprentice rider Chris

Cogen was taken to hospi-tal with suspected fractures of his wrist and leg after a nasty fall from Milltown Classic at Pontefract yes-

terday.
Gary Hind, who was knocked unconscious for mount Wentbridge Lad came down at Doncaster on Sunday, escaped with nothing worse than a bruising and does not expect to be out of action for much more

than a week.
At Chepstow today, two winners on last year's card should go close again, start-ing with Asterix (2.00), who bounced back to form over the course on Sunday

Sir Joey (3.00), first home on the unfavoured far side in the Wokingham, has the Stewards Trial Handicap in his sights again.

#### Results

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3.80 (\*1mi): 1, MOAR Quit TOUR, A Culfiane (\*10-1): 2, Peasis (\*10-1):

CSF: \$32.63. NR: The Deejay.
4.30 (SR): 1. MAKE READY, A Mackey (6-1): 2, Look Disides (6-2): 3, Gone Too Manner's (3-1 srv.) 1 ran. 2, 12 (4) Neville) Tota: 1:2-10; £4.00, £1.50, £1.50. Duel F: £41.60. Tric: £49.00 CSF: £48.47. 14-10. 1700 240.00. GSP: 244.47.

5.00 (1en 4f): 1, FLOW BACK, A Daly (14-1): 2, Harbet House (2-1 fav): 3, Manuar (11-2). 11 ran. 5, 1% (G Enright) Tota: 22.60; 25.90; 21.70, 22.80. Dual F: 267.10. Trics 241.30. CSP: 242.90. Tricses 2173.94. PLACEPOT: 2183.00. QUADPOT: 255.70



### FA looks 10 years ahead of its time and bids for World Cup

**David Lacey** finds Graham Kelly riding the euphoria of Euro 96 and assesses the chances of England landing the big one in 2006

the Germans do not present a more convincing case for winning the nomina-

tion for Europe.
Graham Kelly, the Football
Association's chief executive, has told Lennart Johansson. the president of Uefa. that after the success of Euro 96 of its ability to stage a 32-team of its ability to stage a 32-team World Cup. "It's the next logical step for us." Kelly declared yesterday. "Nobody can question any longer our ability to stage the biggest sporting events in the world."

**Duncan Mackay** 

end the suspense

relaxed person in the

room when, in a Lon-

don hotel yesterday, he an-nounced the decision Brit-ain's Olympic selectors had anticipated for the past year.

"It's my duty to compete for my country." said Christie as he ended months of specula-tion by confirming that he would not only defend his 100

metres title but also run in the 200 and the 4x100 relay.

For more than two hours Christie, stylishly dressed in a retro black jacket, dealt

with a barrage of reporters and photographers with good grace and humour. There was

no trace of the tortured soul

who had broken down on a

television show last June and

sobbed that he was being

hounded out by media pressure. Here was a contented

sportsman who appeared

happy with life.
"Of course 1 believe I can win it," replied Christie when

asked how he rated his 100 metres chances in Atlanta. "There is only room for the confident in the 100 metres

Yet it was unclear what finally convinced Christie to

change his mind. He offered a multitude of reasons: public pressure, patriotism, support from his cosch Ron Roddan, advice from his training part-

ner Frankie Fredericks, even England's success in Euro 96. The loss of his world title

last year did not undermine

him because within a fort-night he beat Canada's Dono-

van Bailey, the new holder, in

was four years ago in Barcelona, more consistent." Christie said yesterday. "The difference is that I won with 9.96

in 1992. I don't think that will

even get a medal this year." Christie showed in Paris last Friday that he is still up

with the best when he fin-ished within a stride of Bruny Surin, the world silver medal-

"I believe I'm better than I

final."

Duncan Mackay

hears the GB captain

NGLAND will mount had forced the abandonment a bid to host the 2006 of a friendly in Dublin in Febworld Cup provided ruary last year have been

The lasting achievement of Euro 96 is that 11 years after Heysel and seven after Hills-borough England has completed a fence-free tournament with no threat to security, and with spectators accommodated in safety and comfort - albeit at high prices.
"Was it really a month

ago," Kelly asked mischie-vonsly, "that a prominent television programme un-helpfully forecast Euro 96 would never be completed be-

the good-humoured crowds in the United States during the 1994 World Cup. "The atmosphere inside our excellent grounds, and memorably the

passion of the supporters; was everything we hoped for and more," Kelly added. Given a rebuilt Wembley with a capacity of 80,000, and provided the principal Pre-mier League stadiums have been enlarged by the end of the century, England will be in a position to challenge Germany on most counts.

Fits politics will be an added

complication. Japan spent more than six years campaign-ing for the 2002 World Cup but

Christie pledges himself to Atlanta

come down heavily on the side | Nevertheless Kelly remains of the Japanese bid. | Kelly remains confident that "the FA will be English hopes will rise if in profit, although it will not of the Japanese bid. English hopes will rise if Johansson wins the Fifa presbe a massive figure".

ideocy in two years' time.
Prance is staging the World
Cup in 1998. Germany may be
sold on the alternative of the European Championship in 2004, the Netherlands and Bel-gium having been chosen for the tournament in 2000. The English cause has not

been helped by the pre-tour-nament muddle over tickets. In addition, while the matches at Wembley were a huge success, with England's five games each drawing crowds of 75,000-76,000 and the attendance for Sunday's final between Germany and the Czech Republic exceeding 73,000, Euro 96 was less of a hit in the provinces.

In terms of spectator appeal the football just about man-aged to break even, largely through England's relative success. But talk of the rest of the world now fearing us is trite and meaningless. England were never taken lightly, especially at Wembley. Germany, moreover,

still have lessons to teach us in the art of winning impor-On Sunday a substitute called Oliver picked a pocket or two to snatch a famous vic-tory from a Czech team that

on the night often played the superior football. After Eng-land had snatched an early lead in the semi-final it took the Germans 13 minutes to terday. If the message has got home to the FA's own David Elleray, who managed to book Czechs in front, Bierhoff's 10 players in one game, it will Kelly is entitled to feel bullish. The pessimists who forecast Armageddon at the European Championship after rioting English extremists diums bore comparison with



Johansson . . . influential

later. He then scored the winner in the fifth minute of sudden-death overtime. In terms of quality the tournament barely stood compari-son with the 1994 World Cup. But at least Euro 96 surpassed USA 94 in one respect. A total of 157 yellow cards were shown in 31 matches compared to 235 in 52 in the US, which raised the average from 4.51 per game to 5.06. Yet the semi-finals and final of

the European Championship produced only 11 bookings. "I'm sure our referees will have noted the sensitivity that was applied in the later stages." Kelly observed yes-terday. If the message has got

### Violence mars Germany's celebrations

homecoming

ERMANY's triumphant players
returned home yesterday to a boistermelography around as one ous welcome by around 30,000 fans who filled the squares and streets around Frankfurt's town hall to celebrate the country's third European

The German captain Jurgen Klinsmann told the crowd that he could hardly speak since he had been singing and yelling non-stop through the team's all-night party at their London hotel

Berti Vogts, the team man-ager, was the toast of the country after clinching his first major trophy since succeeding Franz Beckenbauer as national coach in 1990. It has been an uneasy

stewardship for Vogts, generally perceived to have long languished in the shadow of Beckenbauer. But yesterday he received universal praise.

Egidius Braun, the president of the German FA, issued a "declaration of love"

Prague.

lan Traynor in Bonn | for Vogts. Chancellor Hebmut Kohl. an amateur footballer in his youth, added: "It was one of Berti Vogt's greatest achievements. He is the

The goalkeeper Andreas Kopke ushered the European prophy on to German soil at Frankfurt airport where Lufthansa flight attendants presented posies of flowers to each arriving player.
The homecoming was pre-

ceded by a night of revelry on the streets of all major German cities. Fireworks, car jams and copious drinking marked the victory parades. which in several cities degen-erated into battles with drunken hooligans fighting among themselves and with

riot police. In Berlin, where thousands crowded the Ku'damm, the main thoroughfare, at least 22 rioters were detained and three policemen were injured. In Bonn, Dusseldorf and other cities in the north-west more than 30 people were de-tained after smashing windows, looting shops and hurling missiles at police.

• A Czech fan died of a heart attack while watching the final on television at home in

Draws 'saved | United make the bookies' in Euro 96

Dan Atkinson

URO 96 was Britain's big-gest betting event ever, with punters staking around £80 million, and bookmakers say that only the unusual number of knock-out matches that were draws at 90 minutes saved them from making an

Though bookies still face a heavy pay-out on the favour-ites Germany, an England or Holland triumph would also have been a bad result for

Only two of the seven postgroup stage matches yielded results at 90 minutes and, as the country's biggest betting-shop chain Ladbroke pointed out yesterday, relatively few punters go for a draw: the reason they are having a bet in the first place is because they have an opinion.

The previous British record of days. a one-off race, last March's tract at Old Trafford, is Grand National, rather than a likely to disappoint Derby rolling three-week event, and bookies' desire to attract QPR by joining Marseille Euro 96 business meant that on a free transfer.
they sometimes decided Wolves have paid against trimming their odds £750,000 for Reading's Euro 96 business meant that despite strong support for the

fancied countries. The BBC's live coverage of the final attracted more than contract at Molineux.
double the audience of ITV's, Mark McGhee. Wo according to preliminary viewing figures. It drew an average audience of 126 million versus ITV's 5.5 million. With the peak total of 19.5 million. with the peak total of 19.6 million coming in extra-time.

£3.5m offer for Poborsky

Mast night lodged a formal bid of £3.5 million for Karel Poborsky, the Czech Republic's gifted playcoveted players in Europe. Even before his arrival in England last month for

Euro 96 Poborsky had an-nounced his intention of leaving Slavia Prague and playing for a club of higher profile next season.

Although it had been anticipeted that he would go to Italy or Germany, Po-

borsky is now believed to be keen to join one of Eng-land's leading clubs. Liverpool also expressed interest in him but cooled

when his asking price rose from £2 million to more than £3 million in a matter

Welsh international defender Adrian Williams, who has signed a four-year

John Toshack's Deportivo

### **Newcastie consider move**

Michael Walker

NEWCASTLE and Sunder-land yesterday advanced plans to move from their tra-

ditional homes. In Newcastle last night 65 members of the city council's ruling Labour group dis-cussed the possibility of Sir John Hall's club moving from St James' Park to another

waiting list for season tickets and has led Sir John to talk publicly about moving the club, possibly to Gateshead. This prompted the Labour group's talks over an alternative site within Newcastle's city boundaries.

Sunderland, meanwhile, secured a £6 million loan from the NWS bank, a subsidiary of the Royal Bank of Scotiand, and now have the £15 million needed to build a new 40,000venue in the city.

Newcastle's huge popularity has created a 12,000-long from Roker Park.

### Surin, the world silver medal would not — and in the relays further in Lausanne tomorlist, and Bailey and left be completed the about-turn. row night when he faces Denhind him Jon Drummond and From not going at all he now nis Mitchell, winner of the US Archer goes double top

press a grin.

holder Leroy Burrell.

"All year my rivals have

been saying I'm going but they were probably hoping at the back of their minds that I

wouldn't," said Christie, un-

successfully trying to sup-

His decision also to com-pete in the 200m — two weeks after he said he definitely



NTIL last week Alison Williamson was known as one of Brither picture appeared in Esquire magazine and she became the team's only top-

The 24-year-old British champion agreed to pose as a publicity stunt. There is not much glamour in archery. If we receive publicity as a result, it will have been worthwhile. I'm not sure how the governing body will take it. They are

However, the federation's feathers have not been ruffled. John Middleton, chief executive of the Grand National Archery Society. described it as "even less than a storm in a teacup. It is part of a whole series of photographs in the gration specialist and boxing manager, said they fled because of unrelenting political persecution. "It was unbearable." he said. "They had been singled out and they felt they had to do it now... There is clear. credible evidence of their political persecution." very old-fashioned." However, the federation's

National Gallery all aesthetically posed. If it's [there] it can hardly be that bad. We would only be concept to send a team of two cyclists to Atlanta. cerned by something more explicit. I would prefer people to be concentrating on the fact that the girl is a brilliant archer."

away from the team camp in Guadalajara and are in Guadalajara and are reported to have sought asylum at a border crossing Many and a border crossing near San Diego.

The pair were considered strong contenders for Atlanta. The featherweight Casamayor captured a gold medal in Barcelona, Garbor was the 1992 light hey was the 1993 light-heavyweight world

champion. Frank Ronzio, an immigration specialist and box-

with a dodgy hamstring and

Christie, though, has not

taken the longer sprint seriously since 1988, when he fin-

ished fourth in the Seoul Olympics. The world-record holder Michael Johnson will

not lose much sleep. Christie's Atlanta creden-

tials over 100m will be tested

creaky knees.

Yonas Zekarias and Bereket Zere left Eritrea recently for Japan for final training before the Games. "This is the first time Eri-BYENTEEN days to go and already the Olympic Games," said a spokesman for its cycling federation. "We don't expect any medals. The cyclists are there only for the participation."

> following a change of heart tollowing a change of heart by the organisers. The American had wanted to enter the doubles with Gigi Fernandez, defending the title they won in 1992, but was told she could not be-cause the US team already had the maximum of four

> Monica Seles was among those who pressed for the decision to be reviewed. Yesterday the International Tennis Federation an-nounced that "exceptional circumstances" - rather than American pressure -had led the IOC to rethink.

Ato Boldon, two men who faces 10 races in 10 days, a trials, and Fredericks, who undoubtedly lift his team-he qualified in London in have broken 10sec this sumdaunting schedule for anymer, and the world-record one, let alone a 36-year-old Christle will also run in Oslo est morale booster to the Atlanta.

on Friday and complete his preparations at Crystal Pal-ace on July 12 before travel-

ling to America.

The prospect of beating the Americans, who have badmouthed him so often in the past, is one that seems to ap-

No worries . . . Christie after confirming that he will defend his Olympic 100 metres title and run in the 200 and 4x100 relay too

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est morale hooster to the team," he said. "If I go out

there and perform, everyone else says, 'if Limford can do it,

The British Athletic Feder-

ation recognise this: within minutes of his announcement they confirmed him as team

then we can as well."

Cycling

past, is one that seems to appeal particularly to Christie.
"To go into the front yard of sprinting and win would be a great accolade for the country." he said.

His presence in Atlanta will from the marathon, for which

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Sport in brief

Boxing

Richie Woodhall's challenge Richie Woodhall's challenge for the WBC world middle-weight title in Las Vegas on July 13 hit a major snag yesterday when the promoter Don King asked for options on the Telford man's next four fights should he dethrone the American Keith Holmes. "I haven't worked this hard just to sign my life away to Don King," said the former European champion.

Golf

Kelli Kuehne, a 19-year-old student from Dallas, yester-day joined a select few to have held both the British and Amarican Women's Open Amateur titles at the same time. In blustery conditions at Royal Liverpool she heat at Royal Liverpool she beat the 21-year-old Welsh interna-tional Rebecca Morgan by five and three in the 18-hole

Championship at Marblebead in Massachusetts, writes Bob in Massachuseus, writes boo Fisher. The skipper Andy Beadsworth, Barry Parkin and Adrian Stead beat a Russian crew led by Dmitri Shai-douko 2-1 in the match-racing final. Britain's Shirley Robertson finished second overall in a similar regatta at Hilton Head where set West Hilton Head, where only Kristine Roug of Denmark was missing from the leading Olympic contenders in the

Anatoly Karpov kept his three-point lead in the Fide world championship at Elista yesterday but could not turn a two-pawn advantage into a win, writes Leonard Barden. His US challenger Gata Kamsky launched a brave and inventive rearguard action to draw the 18th course action to draw the 13th game in a marathon 90 moves, the longest of the match. Karpov leads the 20-game series 8-5 but at 45 he is nearly twice

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Graf rebuts

## Ferrari team chief offers to resign

Jean Todt yesterday of-fered to resign in the wake of the team's fiasco at the French Grand Prix, where Schumacher was back in his private jet and away long be-fore Damon Hill clinched his sixth win of the season. sixth win of the season.

saxin win of the season.
Schumacher, who had
earned pole position, did not
even reach the grid. His engine blew up on the formation lap, and Eddie Irvine pulled out after five laps with a bro-ken gear-change. It all raises serious ques-

tions about an operation which is paying Schumacher, the world champion, more than \$1 million per race.

Answers will be demanded by Gianni Agnelli, head of the parent company Fiat

Yesterday there was a bar-rage of criticism in the Italian press. The Rome-based daily Corriere della Sport called for the sacking of both Todt and the national soccer coach Arrigo Sacchi

Ferrari's president Luca di Montezemolo expressed him-self "bitterly disappointed". He has staked his reputation on reversing the Italian team's run of failure and has ing night and day" to achieve

aim of challenging for the where Schumacher finished world championship in 1997 second behind Hill now seems a forlorn hope.

Many of the Ferrari's diffi-culties come from having to reacquaint themselves with lished, world-class driver. Schumacher, an obsessive perfectionist like the late Ayrton Senna before him, drives the team with as much determination and single-mindedness as he does his car.

The question now being asked is whether Ferrari can keep pace with a driver of Schumacher's calibre. Insiders question the arrangement whereby the cars are designed in England by John Barnard's unit and then delivered to the Maranelle race. ered to the Maranello race team to develop during the course of the season.

It is clear that the latest Barnard-designed Ferrari F310 has suffered more than its fair share of teething trouits fair share of teething troubles since the start of the season. Schumacher's brilliant victory in the rain-soaked Spanish GP at Barcelona is rightly regarded as the high spot of the season but is increasingly regarded as an isolated moment of glory punctu-

ated by far too many structural problems. problems, then suspension, then a distintegrating brake

Last month's Canadian with a broken suspension pushrod, since when there have been two suspension failures during testing at Mu-gello and Sunday's gearbox malfunction.

WIMBLEDON

Organisation has also been sloppy. Before the French Grand Prix the team forgot to tell Irvine that he was ex-pected at the team's Fiorano test track to warm up the three cars being prepared for Magny-Cours. He was in Dub-lin at the time, so a slightly irked Schumacher was summoned to complete this routine work.

of Ferrari's traditional and anelio's traditions have always been rooted in the durability of its cars and the reliability of its engines. At the moment Ferrari seem un-

started testing a model of their new Ford-powered car. Stewart's son and busines seing carried out in a wind tunnel in California and that the team are well on course for a Formula One debut next

#### **Tour de France**

### **King Cipo dedicates** this one to Sabrina

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some 550 Swiss francs (£280) in fines over the sprinters Mario Cipollini finally began to earn some prize money yesterday when he took the fourth Tour stage victory of his career in his usual imperions style.

gesticulated and grunted Well, I can afford it" on Saturday when he was fined SwF50 — his Saeco team man. ager docked him SwF250

more — for wearing a pair of red shorts in the prologue. But the commissaires who rule the Tour like to be taken rule the Tour like to be taken seriously. To make their point they fined "Cipo" another SwF250 on Sunday and relegated him from third to 37th place for a manoeuvre in lighted. "She doesn't like

ing to a mere mortal, is daily fare for the Italian and his nerveless peers. "A hit ences-sive," was his verdict.

Cipollini put that piece of trick riding down to the fact get him in the right place at the right time. Yesterday he took the fourth Tour stage victory of his career in his usual imperious style.

The Tuscan, variously knownes I Magnifico for his dandyism) and H Re Leone (for his golden mane of hair), is rumoured to have merely gesticulated and grunted

has a shoe contract. A recent advert for them in an Italian cycling magazine cast Chyo as a sultan feeding grapes to a topless haram, with his car-bon-soled cycling shoes peeking out daintily from a pair of

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the finish which, while it hearing about the women might have appeared terrify who say they are in love with ing to a mere mortal, is daily me," said Cipo. "And then I'm paid to pose with girls in the paper. Still, she knew it was never going to be easy marry-ing a media darling like me."
Gellantly, however, the methat his team-mates failed to dia's darling dedicated this triumph to his own "because she says I never think about her, which is not true".

Cipollini's stage win also gave him the green jersey of points leader but he is unlikely to wear it to the Champs Elysées, as might be expected for a speedster of his class instead he plans to will class. Instead he plans to pull to acclimatise in Atlanta before the Olympic road race.
The Italian's sprint victory

also meant the maillot jaune will stay on Alex Zille for another day. The time bonuses on offer at intermediate sprints yesterday enabled Sunday's winner Frédéric Moncassin, a GAN team-mate of Chris Boardman, to pick up eight of the nine seconds he needed to go in front of the bespectacled ONCE Swiss, and all he needed was to finish in the first three here.

But in the end he made his effort too early, enabling Ci-pollini, the Dutchman Jeroen Bliflevens and the Czech Jan Svorada to relegate him to a frustrating fourth. But today's run south to the out-skirts of Paris may put Moncassin in yellow. ● Today's stage: Tourcoing to Nogent-sur-Oise (122 miles).

William Fotherfrom is

#### Rugby Union

#### Sky 'furious' over Welsh claims of TV domination

Sky Television was yester-day "furious" at sugges-tions by the Welsh Rugby Union chairman Vernon Pugh that the broadcasting deal that the satellite channel is offering is heavy with conditions and would allow television to take over the

To suggest that there are too many conditions attached is ridiculous," said Trevor East, head of Sky Sports. "We East, head of Sky Sports. We are very upset and frankly Mr Sky has yet to receive a formal response to its £128 million offer to the four unions. The creatin proportion of the lion with £225 million ear called for chips with the certain proportion of the money must go to help clubs enter the professional era properly funded."

The deal was laid out by set aside for the clubs. Sky to the home unions on April 27 this year with Sky offering the WRU £40.5 million, with £17.5 million earmarked to go directly to over the sale of Five Nations clubs. The only condition is Championship broadcasting chibs. The only common of an rights.

The incoming president sist in the creation of an

Anglo-Welsh league. That isn't something we some time now and all we are matches independently. offering is the cash to make it happen. As for wanting to solid on this." said McLeod.

control the game, Mr Pugh should give his colleagues in the southern hemisphere a call and ask them how much control over the game we have there despite the TV deals. The answer is none."

The WRU is in danger of cutting itself of from the

grassroots for no reason, says Sky. "The clubs want this deal," said East, "but for whatever reason Mr Pugh is misrepresenting it and it is about time the record were set straight."

Despite Pugh's comme

marked for clubs, with the Scots and Irish receiving £28 million each with £5 million

in the dispute with England

Fred McLeod, who is also the management committee have just dreamed up out of nowhere," said East. "The English and Welsh themselves have been talking short entire this up for outle about setting this up for quite | sell the rights of international "All four unions are very

#### Moorer charged after club incident

MICHAEL MOORER was charged yesterday with creating a disturbance at a social club in Monessen, Pennsylvania, eight days after regaining the IBF beavy-weight title in Germany... The incident occurred in

the early hours of Sunday. Police were called to the club following a complaint that a man, later identified as Moorer, was being loud and disorderly. When they ar-rived, club employees had taken Moorer outside and a crowd of at least 100 people

had gathered. Police filed charges of terroristic threats, disorderly conduct and criminal mischief against Moorer, 28, a native of Monessen now living in Boca Raton, Florida. No date was set for a preliminary hearing before District Justice Joseph Dalfonso.

It is a distraction Moorer could do without given that he has to make a mandatory defence of the IBF title, which he won in a split decision over Germany's Axel Schulz in Dortmund, within 120

His next opponent is sched-uled to be the disgraced Francois Boths, the South African who tested positive for anabolic steroids after beating



Growing pains . . . Martina Hingis, only 15, could not cope with Graf yesterday TOM JENGAS

### A lurking gunslinger to nvai Ivanisevic

Frank Keating finds an unheralded German already closing on 100 aces

artillery on Court Two but had already popped off enough shells to take his championship tally of aces

But the tennis world's most lethal one-shot server, who has fired down more than 650 aces in his Wimbledon career, is not the most dangerous black-batted hombre in the territory this time. Watching the clouds winging in from the west next door on Court Three yesterday was Alex Ra-dulescu, waiting to begin his match against the South African Neville Godwin in which he would surely clock up an astonishing century of aces since he first bounced the ball a couple of times and then let

fly at love-all last Monday at Radulescu is a powerful Romanian-born German. He has played two matches since he put out the 15th seed Arnaud Boetsch of France in that first round. Since his opening first-set ace that afternoon Radulescu has sent first serves. As the covers came off and then forlornly went on again yesterday he was unavailable for comment. Well, neither would a cricket reporter dare interview a basman in the nervous nineties, would he? Of course the bare statistics

Y THE time the afternoon rains arrived legendary gunslinger Ivanise-vic is averaging around 20 not only lined up his heavy singinty lunge the stary. The legendary gunslinger Ivanise-vic is averaging around 20 aces per match this Wimble-don because all his four victories so far, berring yesterday's four-set win over Patrick Rafter, have been in straight sets, opponents being largely blasted away as the deadpan Croatian blows the gunsmoke from the barrel of his racket before packing it back in its holster.

On the other hand, each of Radulescu's three previous matches have been drawn-out Wagner operas which have aged any who has sat through every point. In his first two matches last week, against Boetsch and then Stafano Pescosolido of Italy, the Ger-man's serve kept him in it to prevail only in the fifth set at. respectively, 9-7 and 10-8. Overall last week he was on court more than 914 hours.

It tells another definitive tale of modern tennis and its exorbitantly powerful graph-ite racket. Those and Wimbleite racket. Those and Wimbledon's fast-bowlers' green-top
wickets produce a pretty lethal cocktail and one recalls
on these pages David Gray
wondaring about the future of
his beloved game more than
20 years ago when Roscoe
Tanner first arrived here
with his bullseye serve to
reach two semi-finals and a
final. Gray quoted Heminefinal Gray quoted Heming-way on the receiver being

radar-gun in place on Wim-bledon's two main showcourts to record service speeds. Should Radulescu get past Godwin today and be allowed into the big time, it will be interesting to note how his speeds compare with Ivanisevic's — the Croatian still holds the Wimbledon re-cord of 136mph. Last week the giant young Australian Mark
Philippoussis was timed at
131mph and also displayed
the shape of things to come
with a second-serve top speed
of 127mph

and, last, the shell flies in".

Tanner used only a wooden racket. Neither then was a

Says Ivanisevic: "Mark hits missiles. I know. I have prac-tised with him. So does Sampras but Pete is the more dangerous because he gets his in gerous because he gets his in when they matter, especially in a tiebreak. But for me fire most difficult fast server to return is Stich. Michael tosses up every ball exactly the same, whether it's for the sliced serve or the straight one or the swing. With every one else the toss tells you which way to go, but with Michael it is impossible to guess and you have to be for guess and you have to be like a goalkeeper at a penalty. Bo ris is also an unbelievably hard server but, for me, Stic is best because he's tongh

"My service? The best man to return me by far is Agassi because he always picks the side I have aimed for and 4s leaves my racket. An unbe lievable talent and so, I guess under fire — "You see the I'm pleased he's out of it this flash, then you hear the crack time."

### Paul Weaver feels | botch by the make-up depart the chill as the paths of bitter rivals cross ARTINA Navrati-lova is almost 40, an age when some find it difficult to burn

Navratilova's

the candle at even one end and crow's feet thunder across a face like elephant's

hooves.

The downger of the drop-volley also has knees only slightly less gammy than De-nis Compton's, so her contribution to this year's Wimble-don was expected to be minimal. But her spat with the champion Steffi Graf brought a frisson to the

on this Dickie Bird ish day. Graf had an appointment with the 15-year-old Martina Hingis, the game's foremost wunderkind, whom she demolished 6-1, 6-4, to reach the quarter-finals. Navratilova was killing a little time before

Graf needed only 50 minutes to outmuscle Hingis, with her youthful double-fisted squeeks and squawks, as the questions were neither about the power of her fore-hand nor the dexterity of her backhand volley. Everyone wanted to talk about Martina, the monarch of SW19, who had said something nasty about Steffi on the HBO cable

in the quarter-mile at the Olympics. The knee injury is case she needs it. If you think she belongs in the hospital. If you look at her today she's running like a gazelle."

Yesterday Graf ran more plaster on her left knee als, with rackets raised and looked increasingly like a daggers drawn.

little leg-pull lucky she doesn't have to live with them. I think she should know better than to say these other in the locker room two days ago and she said she was sorry the way it was put."

The Graf camp has also

pointed out that Navratilova has not yet congratulated her great rival on her achieve-ment of overhauling her total of 18 Grand Slam singles titles hand-written note of praise. where girls will be boys, so to

reen Connolly and Doris Hart, or Margaret Court and Billie Jean King. Navratilova is the greatest woman player these verdant lawns have

than succeed her; she is now threatening to nudge her to one side in the pantheon. They have met in three Wimbledon finals. Navratilova won in straight sets in 1987 but Graf won in 1988 and 1989. Then there was last year, when the two were meant to play in the doubles in Navrabeat King's record of 20 Wim-bledon titles. Graf withdrew. injured, leaving Navratilova looking as sad and solitary as old wedding dress.
If Graf wins here she will be

Referring to the German's va's nine singles titles at knee injury, Navratilova said wimbledon, and there is scornfully: "Steffi could run every likelihood she will. She hard as ever, as Hingis would ruefully confirm, although with her service.

Meanwhile, a small incen in the next day or two. Graf and Navratilova could meet

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Women's Singles

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Service power ... Mary Pierce of France races to a straight-sets victory over the Russian Elena Likhovtseva

#### Rugby League

#### Arthurson surrenders his post at the ARL

Paul Fitzpatrick

EN ARTHURSON, the man at the forefront of the Australian Rugby League's battle with Rupert Murdoch's Super League, is to relinquish his position as executive chair-

man of the ARL The 66-year-old Arthurson insists, however, that he isnot forsaking the battle though he does admit that the turmoil of the past 15 months

has taken its toll. "It is not as though I am in the first flush of youth and I don't think anyone has enplace if Botha is shown to be not as if I am quitting. I will Quayle have presented a police the results of an investigation into a transfer deal.

"We are looking at a restructuring of the league, and that has been public knowledge for some time," he added. "I believe that part of that restructuring should mean that we have only a The club's chairman Jack chief-executive officer or an Robinson, also charged with executive chairman. There conspiracy, is due to appear

will succeed Arthurson as the ARL's top man and take on | twice appeared before magisresponsibility for the day-to- trates accused of conspiracy day running of the ARL. Whether this change will server. He and the 54-year-old help thaw the frosty relation Robinson, the club's chair-Schulz six months ago. How-dured as much as me in the 15 ship with the English RFL is man since 1992, were charged ever that fight will only take months," he said. "But it is uncertain. Arthurson and after the newspaper handed

against John Martin, a Wigan director, has been dropped by the Crown Prosecution Service after a "very careful review of all the evidence". are not many organisations in court again on July 17, but that have both."

In court again on July 17, but the CPS is seeking further

It is likely that the ARL's legal opinion on the case chief executive, John Quayle, against him. The 49-year-old Martin has to defraud the Wigan Ob-

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# portsGuardian

WIMBLEDON: GRAF SURGES ON BETWEEN THE SHOWERS

# **Bold Henman** battles into the last eight

taken at an awkward angle.

opened up two break-points on Gustafsson's opening

serve. The Swede saved both

but was broken on the third

deuce. This was the best of all

possible starts by Henman,

and the Centre Court purred. The British No. 1 held for a

3-0 lead but ever thickening

clouds were rapidly losing

any semblance of summer whiteness and filling grey

leys drew a tap of the racket

The Swede hit a forehand

errors suddenly opened up three break-points. Henman saved a couple but not the third, Gustafason belting over

Then, with the score a

15-15 in the eighth game, one

of the day's many showers swept in. At this point there had been precisely 23 min-

utes' play. About half an hour later the

players returned, knocked up and departed. Henman waved

the clouds away but to no

avail. The rain was very light and the British player, no

doubt knowing a thing or two

about matters meteorological.

hesitated. Alan Mills, the ref-

eree, ushered him off gently

another forehand winner.

game came the break back.

with imminent rain.

**Stephen Bierley** sees the first Briton reach the men's quarter-finals since 1973

IM HENMAN pro-vided a shaft of light yesterday the like of which has not been seen for 23 years. Repeating the brilliant tennis that had swept away the French Open champion Yev-geny Kafelnikov in the first round, he reached the quarter-finals in glorious sun-shine as the showers finally

It had been a frustrating day for Britain's No. 1. His fourth-round match with Magnus Gustafsson started just after 3pm and did not finish until nearly 7.45. The two men were on and off the Centre Court four times as showers interrupted play.

Henman eventually won 7-6, 6-4, 7-6 to become the first British player to reach the last eight since 1973. That was when Yorkshire's Roger Taylor went on to defeat Sweden's Bjorn Borg, making his Wimbledon debut, to reach the semi-final. What a stir there would be if Henman

equalled that. Britain's last finalist was Bunny Austin in 1938; the last winner the incomparable Fred Perry two years earlier. But this is getting into realms

When the match finally began at 3.13, Henman won his opening service game to love with an ace thrown in for good measure. On Saturday the Swede had been a touch churlish about the British

An improvised overhead, | ever end? They were back | wonderful to behold

i-5.
This time it appeared the rain was here to stay. The Centre Court cover had been hoisted and there were steady drips of water falling from the saturated supporting ropes. The crowd huddled and

lifted and a rainhow signalled renewed hope. Enough grey-blue to make an England shirt appeared and the sun shone. Gustafsson levelled at 6-6 but Henman rattled through the tiebreak, climaxing with an

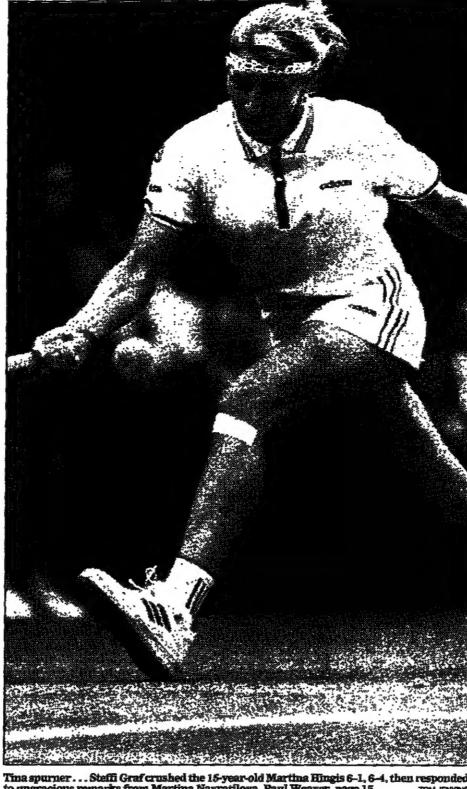
Two excellent Henman volace to win it 7-2.

The Swede showed off his from Gustafsson in apprecia-tion but then in the seventh forehand early in the second set. Two pulsatingly struck passes flew diagonally past Henman as he lost his serve winner off Henman's first serve and then a couple of to love to go 2-0 down. But Henman is a fighter

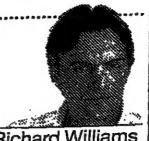
His backhand began to flow, uninhibited shots that had Gustafsson swiping at thin air as he scurried to retrieve. The British player's con-centration was intense; this, allied to his quality of shot, saw him get back level, crack-ing the Swede's serve with a sprawling diving forehand volley at the net.

Gustafsson was in trouble now; he lost his serve again and Henman duly took a twoset lead. The third set also went to a tlebreak, although not before Henman had been -3 down\_

At this sniff of danger Henman unleashed a marvellous array of telling shots, finishng the tiebreak at 7–4 with a By now Dickie Bird would kicking serve that Gustafsson been apoplectic. Where returned wide. The Centre would it all end? Would it Court rose to its feet. It was



### A floating stadium fit for the world



Richard Williams

of kids who've just got back from the amusement park. flushed and sticky with excite ment. We had a good time, so can we do it again? Please?

Hardly had Pierluigi Pairetto blown the whistle to signal the end of Euro 96 before we were demanding to have another go. Okay, may be not tomorrow or even next week. But there's a vacancy for a nation to host the World Cup in 2006. Why can't it be us?

Euro 96 was a success in almost every respect, emotionally and materially. It made people feel good and it helped refurbish the image of the game in the country where it

It also made money. Not, it is true, for the host body. The Football Association will apparently be lucky to break even, although Uefa — which owns the tournament, and therefore the television and sponsorship rights — is looking forward to a handsome

But the FA shouldn't grumble. It is not in existence prin-cipally to make a profit. And the popularity of the event will have done nothing but good to the Premiership and the FA Cup, the sources of its

prosperity. The true material satisfaction will be felt in the boardrooms of the sponsoring companies which received countless hours and column inches of publicity for their chocolate bars, soft drinks, sports footwear and insurance policies. For them the tournsment's ability to command the front pages as well as the back will have justified the millions they fronted up to join the club, plus the vast additional sums spent on promoting their involvement.

The Americans were the first to make this kind of arrangement work, when Peter Ueberroth successfully pledged that the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles would reverse the massive losses previously racked up in Mon-

treal and Moscow. That was the moment when major sports events wholeheartedly embraced free-market capitalism, a philosophy

whose triumph was con-

firmed 10 years later with USA 94, when capitalism proved that it could take a major tournament and make it flourish in vitro, totally removed from its habitual sources of nourishment.

But the conditions must be right, at least by Fifa's standards, which is why it is hard to imagine the World Cup returning to Brazil Nowhere does football's heart beat more powerfully than in Rio and Sao Paulo, yet the country of Pele and Romario has not hosted the World Cup since

Brazil's economy and its infrastructure do not appeal to the game's governing body. which is why money from Fuji. the Mars Corporation and Coca-Cola will never be used to rebuild the crumbling concret bowls that are the game's true temples, even though the tournament would be valueless without the actual team's

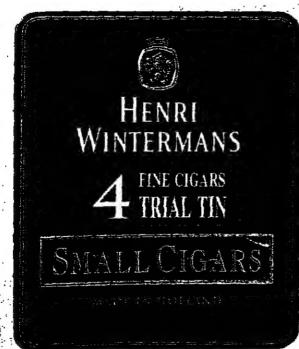
 NGLAND. by contrast, has all the prerequisites, plus the aptitude for this specialised task. We are good at this sort of thing nowadays. If we no longer manufacture anything much, we have certainly mas tered the more modern skill of marketing. And in a world where entertainment is replacing work as the main focus of existence, this is a significant attribute.

So it would not be entirely frivolous to propose these projects as a long-term replacement for the vanished industrial base. Britain could become a sort of floating stadium for the world, just as prerevolutionary Cuba func-tioned as an offshore casino

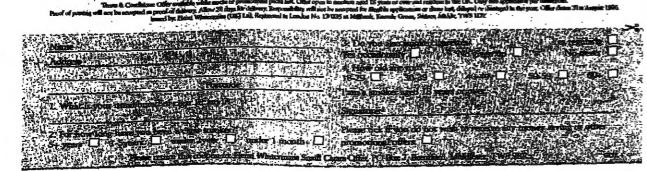
for the United States. Events like Euro 96 and the World Cup also feed the cur-rent British appetite for sensation. It is possible to look at the interest aroused by the events of last month and be sport should so preoccupy the nation, a phenomenon that makes sense only when considered as part of a higher parrative, a continuum of overexcitement also taking in the vicissitudes of the Royal Fam ily, the agonies of New Labour, the occasional mass murder and, in between times, the quasi-stardom of Paula Yates, Pamela Anderson, Chris Evans and Michael

Thanks to the tabloids, now in sole charge of the national agenda, the English have lost their capacity to endure the flat periods between the moments of hyper-excitement. So the question is no longer whether we can afford to have the World Cup. It is whether we can afford not to have it.

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#### An honours list with omens that look Taylor-made for Britain

reach the quarter-finals of the men's singles in the past 70 years — and the first unseeded Briton to do

The only Briton to do so in the open era.

The only Britons to have reached the last eight since the war were Tony Mottram (once), Mike Sangster (once), Bobby Wilson (three times) and Roger Taylor (three times).

**But Freud** 

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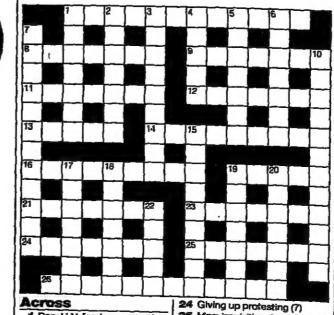
71M HENMAN is only the 1926 are Bunny Austin. 10th British player to Fred Perry. Sangster and Fred Perry, Sangster and Taylor. Perry won in 1934, 1935 and 1936 — the first three years in which Henry

grandfather, played the championships. It is the first time since 1984, when John Lloyd made the quarter-finals at the US Open, that a British man has gone so far in a Grand Slam event. Lloyd (three times).

The only British men to make the semi-finals since guaranteed £51,025.

### **Guardian Crossword No 20,694**

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1 Poor U.N. food consumed by Eastern European prodigal (5,7)

8 Arithmetic for letter-writers? 9 Bill in street car test reversing into felines (3-4)
11 No women could be unlucky

when seen through the window (3,4) 12 Condition of paid player: wel after six (?)
13 Deposit last bit of money in

one's discomfort (3,2) 14 After a jiffy, one unfinished whisky is of lesser importance (9) 16 Receiver backing Rose to hire about four (9)

19 Gentleman grips piano wood 21 Entrance for travelling

-so gets left behind (7)

25 More inquisitive about the first

person to be more rowdy (7) 26 Possibility, not rejected by The Gastight Chancellor (6,6)

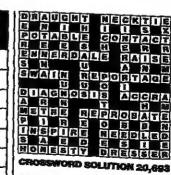
1 Margaret not here? Work on diligently! (3,4)
2 Like ailent trumpet, starting up noisily but leaving out wobbly notes (7)

3 Identifies a gin mixed up in measured portions (9)

4 Senior citizen keepa religious work readil available (2,3)

Caricature portrays a bird embracing a legislator (7)
 Good man with a bird

needing grit (7) 7 Missionary ain't found in resort with cheat (5,7) 10 A clerk goes to a party in Sunday School — like Scheherazade & Co (5-7)



Rational but common soldle is seen in pub (7)

18 Changing what postman might do with twenty-second letter (7)

19 Amis perhaps captures one inhabitant of a planet (7) 20 This hobby reveals father's

22 Set up Galileo's head in this exhibition (5)